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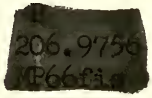

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MINUTES

OF THE

Ninety-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Volunteer

Stokes County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

JULY 11, 12 and 13, 1930

OFFICERS

ELD. F. P. STONE ..... Moderator
R. F. D. No. 1, Francisco, N. C.

G. J. KEY ..... Clerk
Ararat, N. C.

ELD. GEO. DENNY ..... Assistant Clerk
Pilot Mountain, N. C.

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A. B. Key ..... R. 1, Rusk, N. C.
Charley Adams ..... R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. R. Wilbourn ..... State Road, N. C.

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J. D. Key ..... 408 Cleveland Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C.
J. S. Key ..... Cumberland, Va.

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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. W. H. Atkinson, and introductory sermon preached by Eld. A.L. Holloway of Lower Country Line Association. Text, Gen. 9 : 14.

2. After intermission the Association assembled in the house and was opened by prayer by Eld. J. A, Fagg of Mayo Association.

3. Elders DeHart and L. I. Anderson of Smith River Association and J. A. Fagg of Mayo Assoeiation were sent to the stand to preach in the afternoon.

4. Letters from the churches received and messengers seated.

5. The Association was organized by electing Eld. F. P. Stone Moderator, G. J. Key, Clerk and Eld. Geo. Denny, Asst. Clerk.

6. Called for correspondents as follows:
Roaring River—Not represented.
Mayo—Eld. J. A. Fagg, G. R. Campbell, A. A. Jefferson, correspondents, Eld. Watt Priddy and others, visitors.
Mountain—Not represented.
Abbotts Creek—H. W. Johnson correspondent, H. L. Miller and others, visitors.
Salem—Ed Tate, B. X. Linville and others, visitors.
Bear Creek—Not represented.
Upper Country Line—Eld. B. F. McKinney and J. R. Jones visitors.
Lower Country Line--Eld. C. M. Adams, Eld. A. L. Holloway, D. B. Adams, Dillard Bumpass, W. J. Whitley and others, visitors.
Black Creek—Not represented.
Smith River—Eld. L. I. Gilbert and Eld. Leander DeHart correspondents.

7. By request of New River Association that we continue correspondence with them, it was moved and carried that we do so.

8. Called for petitionary letters; none received.

9. Appointed Moderator and Clerk to appoint all committees.

10. Appointed as follows, viz.—G. O. Key, Robert Cox and J. P. Slawter to serve with the clerk and messengers of this church as committee on preaching.

11. R. L. Jones and W. A. Palmer committee on finance.

12. R. W. Mosley and W. F. Nixon to distribute minutes.

13. Appointed J. H. Sheets, Frank R. Stone and C. T. Hall to serve with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements.

14. Received files of minutes from Abbotts Creek, Black Creek, Bear Creek, Contentnea, Kehukee, Ketocton, Mountain, Mayo, Roaring River, Senter, Smiths River, Staunton River, Salem and White Oak.

15. Committee on preaching appointed Elders G.S. Williams, A. L. Holloway, Watt Priddy and R. P. Vass to preach Saturday.

16. This Minute read and approved.

17. Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Saturday morning, preaching service to begin at ten o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. The business of the Association was opened by song and prayer by Eld. R. P. Vass of New River Association.

2 Called roll of messengers.

3. Called for report of committee on arrangements. Report read, received and committee discharged.

4. Read Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

5. Called for report of correspondents. Those who attended reported and those who did not were excused except those appointed to associations that have not convened since our last association, they were continued, also appointees who attended associations holding two sessions per year, continued. For list of correspondents see 1929 Minute.

6. Appointed corsespondents as follows, viz.—New River, Eld. J. C. Dunbar, Eld. F. P. Stone; Mountain, Eld. W. H. Atkinson, Eld. D. Collins, Eld. A. B. Key.

7. The Circular Letter was read, received and ordered attached to this Minute.

8. Appointed G. J. Key and Eld. Geo. Denny to write our next Circular Letter.

9. Agreed that our next session of the Association be held with the church at Stony Creek (on Highway 66 about midway between Pilot Mountain and Mt. Airy), Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1931.

10. Agreed to have 1200 Minutes printed and distributod as usual.

11. Agreed to give the Moderator $10.00 and the Clerk $15.00 for their services.

12. Called for report of finance committee who reported as follows, viz.:

Received from churches		$54.60
Balance in Clerk's hands		14.12
Total finances		$68.72
Gave Clerk	$15.00	
Gave Moderator	10.00	
Paid for printing Minutes	32.50	
Total	$57.50	
Balance in Clerk's hands		$11.22

Report received and committee discharged.

13. The Association voted unanimously to unite in giving thanks to God for preserving us to meet again, and to thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their kind and generous hospitality in caring for the Association.

14. This Minute read and approved.

15. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

ELD. F. P. STONE, Moderator, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.
G. J. KEY, Clerk, Ararat, N. C.
ELD. GEO. DENNY, Assistant Clerk, Pilot Mtn., N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY	Leander DeHart.	Clerk failed to get text.
	L. I. Gilbert.	Clerk failed to get text.
	J. A. Fagg.	Clerk failed to get text.
SATURDAY	A. L. Holloway.	Clerk failed to get texts Saturday.
	John Williams.	
	C. M. Adams.	
	Watt Priddy.	
	Eld. Nance.	

SUNDAY

Geo. Hill. Text, Rev. 19 : 6—"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude," etc.

B. F. McKinney. Text, Ps. 34 : 19 — "Many are the afflictions of the righteous," etc.

J. A. Adams. Text, Deut. 32 : 10—"He found him in a desert land," etc.

Circular Letter

TO THE BRETHREN WHO MAY COMPOSE THIS THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FISHERS RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

I undertake to write this, our annual letter, feeling my weakness and imperfections, realizing the fact that all who worship God must worship in spirit and in truth, and without him we can do nothing. Our Heavenly Father must give his children the spirit of worship, and when clothed in like manner we are enabled then to forget the natural things, stripped of our false ideas and enables us to set together as one body of God-fearing and God-honoring children, where every burden is removed and our sorrow turned to joy, and makes us glad that we are blessed again to meet together in an associated capacity to rejoice one with the other. Oh, that these seasons would continue, but God knows best, the autumn winds must blow, the flowers fade, for this is only a journey through the wilderness, but his people shall be a willing people in the day of his power, yes willing to plead with God for mercy, to part with worldly pleasures, to suffer afflictions with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Paul gave advice to the churches of Asia and instructed his son Timothy in the gospel as to his conduct in the ministry, but denied that any of this wisdom came from his education obtained at the feet of Gamaliel, (but now if you instruct a younger brother in the ministry, some think you are trying to teach him how to preach). We are living today in the most enlightened age of all time from a literary standpoint, but in religious matters darkness covers the earth. Christ is dishonored, his virgin birth de-

nied, but the God that formed the earth, created man, delivered the Children of Israel out of Egytian bondage, is still delivering and will deliver the last one of his elect family, and we are admonished not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together and it is our duty to meet together not only to hear preaching, but to talk together of his mercy and loving kindness in the forgiveness of our sins. This is strength and food and in relating our experiences to each other we become witnesses to each other that we have received the same blessings and are traveling the highway of holiness together, the way known only to the people of God, wherein is peace, joy and everlasting life. This is the highway that none but the redeemed of the Lord can walk therein, and they come to Zion with songs of everlasting joy and obtain gladness, and sorrow and sighing will pass away. Brethren, have you experienced this? If so, we are the people who are seeking that city which hath foundatian, whose builder and maker is God.

F. P. STONE.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat ..... Eld. Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel ..... Eld. S. H. Reid
Conners Grove ..... Eld. J. W. Beasley
Deep Creek ..... Eld. R. H. Riggans
Dover .....
Fishers River ..... Elds. J. W. Beasley, R. H. Riggans
Fishers Gap ..... Eld. W. C. Brooks
Franklin ..... Eld. W. H. Atkinson
Hagans Creek ..... Eld. R. H. Riggans
Hollingsworth Grove ..... Eld. R. L. Anderson
Laurel Springs ..... Elds. J. C. Dunbar, Jas. W. Creed
Liberty ..... Eld. Jas. W. Creed
Little Vine ..... Elds. W. C. Brooks, W. H. Atkinson
Mulberry ..... Eld. C. W. Stone
Mitchells River ..... Eld. R. H. Riggans
Pilot Mountain ..... Elds. G. O. Key, Geo. Denny
Rock House ..... Elds. W. H. Atkinson, D. Collins
State Road ..... Elds. J. M. Royal, W. C. Brooks
Stony Creek ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek ..... Elds. G. O. Key, J. C. Dunbar
Toms Creek ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
Union .... Elds. Jas. W. Creed, C. W. Stone. J. C. Dunbar
Volunteer ..... Eld. C. W. Stone

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owens	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	18
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.	24
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	Peachland, N. C.	22
Contentnea	H. L. Blake	Rocky Mount, N. C.	24
Ebenezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	14
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C.	30
Ketocton	Eld. C. W. Miller, Bx 1267,	Washington, D. C.	21
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	19
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	17
Mayo	Eld. S. A. Thompson	Stuart, Va.	30
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	30
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship	Boone Mill, Va.	27
Roaring River	Eld. M. P. Spencer	N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	12
Silver Creek	T. H. Bentley	Stanley, N. C.	10
Salem	J. H. McKaughan	Kernersville, N. C.	11
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	15
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Whitmell, Va.	18
Smiths River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart, Va.	21
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C.	19
White Oak	Eld. Isaac Jones	Maple Hill, N. C.	16

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	30
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer	R. 1, King, ,,	35
Conners Grove	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Bx 20, Mt. Airy, ,,	50
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer	East Bend, ,,	25
Dover	J. M. Creed	White Plains, ,,	10
Fishers River	G. W. Wilson	White Plains, ,,	10
Fishers Gap	S. S. Lowe	Low Gap, ,,	30
Franklin	E. M. Goings	Bottom, ,,	50
Hagans Creek	Joe Key	R. 1, Siloam, ,,	35
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington	R. 2, Mt. Airy, ,,	23
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall	Round Peak, ,,	18
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	Crutchfield, ,,	20
Little Vine	A. J. Beamer	Dobson, ,,	52
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	State Road, ,,	30
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman	Dobson, ,,	16
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets	Pilot Mountain, ,,	40
Rock House	R. F. Cox	R. 1, Pilot Mountain, ,,	45
State Road	W. F. Nixon	R. 2, State Road, ,,	35
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 1, Mt. Airy, ,,	40
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 3, Mt. Airy, ,,	75
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone	R. 1, Francisco, ,,	88
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, ,,	86
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker	King, ,,	20

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Communion (mo)	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Ararat	L. D. Denny, S. H. Fulk, C. W. Key	Aug.	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	$2.25
Boyles Chapel	R. D. Marshall, J. P. Slawter, W. A. Palmer	May	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	6.00
Conners Grove	R. L. Jones, T. J. Gates, Eld. J. W. Beasley	May-Oct.	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	32	1.50
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, J. R. Hall, M. M. Flynn	Sep.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	2.00
Dover	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Fishers River	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Fishers Gap	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Franklin	E. M. Goings, S. T Atkinson, John Gillispie	Aug.	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	51	2.35
Hagans Creek	Joe Key, Silas Pender	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	36	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove	C. Childress, S. L. Arrington, J. M. Hooker	July	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	1.50
Laurel Springs	L. B. Dunbar, C. T. Hall	Aug.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	2.00
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Herbert Ashburn	Aug.	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	20	1.00
Little Vine	J. E. Freeman, J. D. Freeman, J. D. White	Aug.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	2.00
Mulberry	A. B. Key, O. B. Key, W. L. Wood	Aug.	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	33	1.20
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman, P. H. Snow	July	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	16	1.70
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, S. J. Frye, J. T. Helpler	Aug.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	4 00
Rock House	R. F. Cox, W. C. King, Eld. D. Collins.	Aug.	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	48	2.70
State Road	Eld. J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon, J. H. Stonestreet	July	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	36	2.00
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter, R. F. Joyce	July	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	4.50
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley, S. J. Booker, G. W. Harris	Aug.	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	78	3.00
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter, Frank R. Stone, Y. W. Simmons	Sep.	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	101	6.10
Union	S. J. Badgett, G. F. Riddle, S. J. Jones	July	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	94	5.55
Volunteer	D. I. Bennett, A. D. Owens	Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1 35

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The Church at Stony Creek

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

July 9, 10 and 11, 1931

OFFICERS

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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder G. O. Key, and introductory sermon preached by Eld. W. J. Brown of Mayo Association. Clerk failed to get text.

2. After intermission we assembled in the house and the work of the Association was opened by prayer by Elder D. Collins.

3. Elders W. S. England of Elkhorn Association and Garfield Roberts of Mountain Association were sent to the stand to preach in the afternoon.

4. Letters from the different churches received, read and messengers seated, except from Fisher's Gap, their letter referred to the committee.

5. The Association was organized by electing by acclamation, Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator, G. J. Key, Clerk, and Elder Geo. Denny, Asst. Clerk.

6. Called for correspondents as follows:

Roaring River—Not represented.

Mayo—Eld. W. J. Brown and J. E. Hutchens, correspondents, Eld. R. L. Anderson and A. A. Jefferson, visitors.

Mountain—Eld. Garfield Roberts, J. M. Williams and Sam Pender, visitors.

Abbotts Creek—J. T. Flinchum and L. R. Taylor, visitors.

Salem—Roll of minutes.

Bear Creek—Roll of minutes.

Upper Country Line—J. R. Jones and Eld. F. W. Keene, visitors.

Lower Country Line—File of minutes.

Little River—Elder E. F. Pierce.

Black Creek—File of minutes.

Smith River—File of minutes.

Elk Horn—Elders H. V. Snow and W. S. England, visitors.

New River—G. S. Williams, R. L. Stockner, correspondents, Elds. J. P. Goad, R. P. Vass and D. S. Webb, visitors.

Files of minutes received from Little River, Senter, Contentnea, Pig River and Kehukee Associations.

7. Moved and seconded that correspondents and visitors from sister associations be seated. And on objection by Eld. J. S. Morrison to seating Smith River, New River and Mountain these were referred to the committee and all others seated.

8. Appointed the Moderator and Clerk to make all committee appointments.

9. Appointed Elders Geo. Denny, D. Collins and J. C. Dunbar to serve with Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements.

10. A. A. Taylor and R. F. Cox committee on finance.

11. J. H Sheets and S. T. Atkinson to distribute minutes.

12. J. P. Slawter and A. Q. Hunter to serve with the Moderator and messengers of Stony Creek church a committee on preaching.

13. Called for Petitionary letter. A letter from Round Peak church was read requesting us to accept watch care over them, this was referred to the committee.

14. This Minute read and approved.

15. Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Saturday for business and at ten o'clock for preaching.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Service was introducing by singing and prayer by Elder

J. P. Goad of New River.

2. Letters were received from Conners Grove and Volunteer and messengers seated.

3. Messengers from Fisher's Gap not seated due to their using Elder W. C. Brooks as their Moderator, after his having been excluded by his home church viz. Little Vine.

4. Called for report of committee on arrangements, report read, received and committee discharged.

5. Read articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

6. Moved, seconded and carried unanimous that messengers and visitors from New River, Mountain and Smith River Associations be seated with us.

7. Called for report of correspondents, those who attended reported and those who did not were excused.

8. Appointed correspondents as follows, viz: —Mayo, Elders J. W. Beasley, J. W. Creed, G. O. Key, J. D. Key and Brother R. L. Jones; Salem—Elder J. C. Dunbar; Roaring River—S. L. Arrington and Elder J. W. Beasley; Abbotts Creek—Elders G. O. Key, J. W. Beasley and J. D. Key; Bear Creek—Elder A. B. Key; Upper Country Line—File of minutes; Lower Country Line—File of minutes; Smiths River—Elders G. W. Harris and D. Collins; New River—Elds. G. O. Key, C. W. Stone and G. W. Harris; Mountain—Elders C. W. Stone and W. H. Atkinson.

9. Circular Letter read, received and ordered attached to our minutes.

10. Appointed Elder C. W. Stone to write our next Circular Letter.

11. Appointed R. W. Mosley to write an obituary of Brother T. A. Jones. Elder J. W. Creed to write an obituary of Brother S. D. Key and Eld. Geo. Denny to write an obituary of Brother P. W. Lawrence and all to appear in our next minutes.

12. Called for copy of obituary written of Brother Jacob Mitchell, to be published in our next minutes.

13. Taking under consideration the confusion in Zion Association, and the fact that Round Peak church having been a member of Zion Association, we feel that to accept watch care of Round Peak church would not be best at this time.

14. Agreed that our next session of the Association be held with the church at Laurel Springs, Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July in 1932.

15. Called for report of finance committee, they reported as follows, viz:

Received from churches		$54.65
Balance in Clerk's hands		11.22
Total finances		$65 87
Gave Clerk	$15 00	
Gave Moderator	10.00	
Paid for printing Minutes	32.50	
Total	$57.50	
Balance in Clerk's hands		$ 8.37

Report received and committee discharged.

16. Agreed to have 1250 Minutes printed and distributed as usual.

17. The Association voted a resolution of thanks to God, for preserving us to meet again, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community for their kindness and hospitality in caring for the Association.

18. This Minute read and approved.
19. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

ELD. F. P. STONE, Moderator, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.
G. J. KEY, Clerk, Ararat, N. C.
ELD. GEO. DENNY, Assistant Clerk, Pilot Mtn., N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY	W. J. Brown	Clerk failed to get text
	W. S. England	Clerk failed to get text
	Garfield Roberts	Clerk failed to get text
SATURDAY	G. C. Roberts. Text, St. John 1st. Chapter	
	G. S. Williams. Text, Cor. 2 : 5.	
	J. P. Goad. Text, Tim. 2 : 15-"Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman, etc.	
	H. V. Snow.	Clerk failed to get text.
	W. J. Brown.	No text used.
SUNDAY	R. P. Vass.	No text used.
	D. Smith Webb. Text, St. John 1st Chapter	
	E. F. Pierce. Text, Isah. 9 : 6.	
	C. M. Adams. Ps. 42 : 7.	

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed to assist in writing a circular letter to be attached to the Minutes of our next Association. I will say that I feel my weakness and inability very keenly as I assume this responsibility. However for the love and esteem I have for the cause I will try to conform to the appointment. I know no better subject to select to write about, than the virgin birth of our savior, this being one of the greatest and most outstanding event we have any account of, and portrays richly his mission here in the world.

On the side of humanity he was flesh and blood, born of the Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem of Judea, and there being no room for his mother in the Inn, he was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger without the usual wearing apparel preparatory to birth being at hand. Coming in this way he was poor enough to reach the humblest of humanity and could suffer as we suffer; shed tears and weep as we weep; was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.

At the time of his birth through the providence of God an angel spoke to the shepherds minding their flocks by night and they were afraid, and the angels said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," further instructing them how they would find the young child and his mother. These shepherds were moved by the spirit of the Lord to go and search for the Holy child. Their inquiry troubled King Herod and all Jerusalem with him so much that the King called a council of the chief priests and scribes and demanded of them where Christ should be born. It appears that there were some in this council that knew

more about the prophecy written in the Scriptures than King Herod in all his glory. They said unto him, in answer to his questions, where Christ should be born. In Bethlehem of Judea, for there it is written by the great prophets. Herod asked the wise men to bring him word when they found him that he might go and worship him, also, but they returned to their country another way. At this time he was so enraged that he issued a decree that all the children two years old and under should be slain, but this wicked decree failed in its purpose and the will and purpose of God was accomplished.

So it is conclusive that in all ages and among all people there has been believers in Jesus Christ, believing that the Virgin Mary was his mother and God was his Father.

Being about thirty years old he began to teach and preach, doing the work his father gave him to do, proving to the multitudes that followed him that he possessed supernatural powers, performing many miracles and wonderful works among the people in the three years of his ministry. Officers said, "Never man spake like this man". Others said, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sun obey him?" Peter said, "Thou art the son of the living God."

ELD. GEO. DENNY.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel	Eld. S. H. Reed
Conners Grove	Eld. J. W. Beasley
Deep Creek	Eld. R. H. Riggans
Dover	
Fishers River	Elds. J.W. Beasley, R. H. Riggans
Fishers Gap	Eld. W. C. Brooks
Franklin	Eld. W. H. Atkinson
Hagans Creek	Eld. R. H. Riggans
Hollingsworth Grove	Eld. R. L. Anderson
Laurel Springs	Elds. J. C. Dunbar, Jas. W. Creed
Liberty	Eld. Jas. C. Creed
Little Vine	Elds. W. C. Brooks, W. H. Atkinson
Mulberry	Eld. C. W. Stone
Mitchells River	Eld. R. H. Riggans
Pilot Mountain	Elds. G. O. Key, Geo. Denny
Rock House	Elds. W. H. Atkinson, D. Collins
Stone Road	Elds. J. M. Royal, W. C. Brooks
Stony Creek	Eld. F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek	Elds. G. O. Key, J. C. Dunbar
Toms Creek	Eld. F. P. Stone
Union	Elds. Jas. W. Creed, C. W. Stone, J. C. Dunbar
Volunteer	Eld. C. W. Stone

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek	C. B. Owens	R. 2 Salisbury, N. C	18
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C	24
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	Peachland, N. C	22
Contentnea	H. L. Blake	Rocky Mount, N. C	24
Ebeneezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va	14
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C	30
Ketocton	Eld. C. W. Miller, Bx 1267,	Washington, D. C	21
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C	19
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va	17
Mayo	S. G. Dobyns	R. F. D., Stuart, Va	30
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va	30
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship	Boone Mill, Va	27
Roaring River	Eld. M. P. Spencer	N. Wilkesboro, N. C	12
Silver Creek	T. H. Bentley	Stanley, N. C	10
Salem	J. H. McKaughan	Kernersville, N. C	11
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C	15
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Whitmell, Va	18
Smith River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart, Va	21
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C	19
White Oak	Eld. Isaac Jones	Maple Hill, N. C	16
Little River	L. H. Stephenson	Willow Spring, N. C	20

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office		No. Min.
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny	Pilot Mountain, N. C		30
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer	R. 1, King,	,,	35
Conners Grove	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Bx. 20, Mt. Airy,	,,	30
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer	East Bend,	,,	25
Dover	J. M. Creed	White Plains,	,,	10
Fishers River	G. W. Wilson	White Plains,	,,	15
Fishers Gap	Mahlen Lowe	Low Gap,	,,	30
Franklin	E. M. Goings	Bottom,	,,	45
Hagans Creek	Joe Key	R. 1, Siloam,	,,	35
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington	R. 2, Mt. Airy,	,,	23
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall	Mt. Airy,	,,	18
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	R. 1, Crutchfield,	,,	17
Little Vine	A. J. Beamer	Dobson,	,,	50
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	State Road,	,,	30
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman	Dobson,	,,	15
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets	Pilot Mountain,	,,	40
Rock House	R. F. Cox	R. 1, Pilot Mountain,	,,	45
State Road	W. F. Nixon	R. 2, State Road,	,,	35
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 1, Mt. Airy,	,,	40
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 3, Mt. Airy,	,,	75
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone	R. 1, Francisco,	,,	90
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat,	,,	90
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker	King,	,,	18

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Communion mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex.-Bap	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dism. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Ararat	C. W. Key, L. D. Denny, D. J. Denny	Aug.	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	31	$2.00
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer, W. S. Denny, J. P. Slawter.	May	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	5.00
Conners Grove	R. L. Jones, J. W. Beasley, Ramey Belton	May-Oct.	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	30	1.50
Deep Creek	H. P. Spencer, J. R. Hall, M. M. Flinn	Sep.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	1.75
Dover	Not Represented	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	.....
Fishers River	Geo. Wilson, Wesley Branch, Berley Jenkins	Aug.	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	15	.....
Fishers Gap	Mahlen Lowe, Samie Lowe, Burlie Lowe	Aug.	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	2	32	1.20
Franklin	R. H. Riggans, W. H. Atkinson, S. L. Atkinson	Aug.	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	45	3.25
Hagans Creek	Joe Key, J. W. Wall, J. S. Penry	Jul.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	35	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove	J. S. Anderson, Cephus Childress, S. L. Arrington.	Jul.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	2.50
Laurel Springs	L. B. Dunbar, C. T. Hall, John Creed	Aug.	2	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	1.50
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Herbert Ashburn, R. S. Poindexter	Aug.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	17	2.00
Little Vine	Jesse Callahan, J. R. Freeman, J. D. Freeman	Aug.	0	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	55	1.50
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge, A. B. Key, Oscar Key	Aug.	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	33	1.30
Mitchells River	P. H. Snow, J. A. Coleman, Hapton Stuart	Jul.	4	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	.75
Pilot Mountain	G. O. Key, J. H. Sheets, J. C. Matthew	Aug.	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	41	2.75
Rock House	R. F. Cox, D. Collins, W. C. King	Aug.	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	47	2.00
State Road	J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon, J. H. Stonestreet	Jul.	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	38	2.25
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. H. Joyce, W. C. Hiatt	Jul.	3	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	39	4.50
Stewarts Creek	G. W. Harris, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	Aug.	3	1	..	11	1	..	..	..	3	77	5.00
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter, Ed Slate, Y. W. Simmons	Sep.	4	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	101	6.50
Union	A. A. Taylor, H. R. Key, T. M. Simpson	Jul.	4	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	101	5.40
Volunteer	D. I. Bennett, A. D. Owen	Aug.	3	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	18	1.25

MINUTES

OF THE

One-Hundredth Annual Session

OF THE

Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Laurel Springs

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

July 8, 9, and 10, 1932

OFFICERS

ELD. F. P. STONE,.....*Moderator*
R. F. D. No. 1, Francisco, North Carolina

G. J. Key,.....Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

ELD. GEO. DENNY,.....Assistant Clerk
Pilot *Mountain*, North Carolina

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

W. H. Atkinson ..... R. 6 Mt. Airy, N. C.
S. T. Atkinson ..... R. 6 Mt. Airy, N. C.
Charlie Adams ..... R. 1 Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. R. Beasley ..... R. 1 White Plains, N. C.
J. W. Beasley ..... R. 1 Mt. Airy, N. C.
D. Collins ..... R. 2 Pinnacle, N. C.
Jas. W. Creed ..... R. 1. Ararat, N. C.
J. C. Dunbar ..... R. 4 Mt. Airy, N. C.
Geo. Denny ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.
G. W. Harris ..... Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. O. Key ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. S. Morrison ..... R. 1 Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ..... Kernersville, N. C.
R. H. Riggans ..... Dobson, N. C.
J. M. Royal ..... Thurmond, N. C.
F. P. Stone ..... R. 1 Francisco, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. D. Key ..... 408 Cleveland Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C.
J. S. Key ..... Cumberland, Va.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat (Cedar Hill) ..... Eld. Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel ..... Eld. S. H. Reid, Walnut Cove, N. C.
Conners Grove ..... Elds. J. W. Beasley, J. R. Beasley
Deep Creek .....
Dover .....
Fisher River ..... Elds. J.W. Beasley, J. R. Beasley
Franklin ..... Eld. W. H. Atkinson
Hogans Creek .....
Hollingsworth Grove ..... Eld. G. W. Harris
Laurel Springs ..... Eld. J. C. Dunbar, Jas. W. Creed
Liberty ..... Eld. Jas. W. Creed
Little Vine ..... Eld. S. T. Atkinson, W. H. Atkinson, J. M. Royal
Mulberry ..... Eld. S. T. Atkinson
Mitchells River ..... Eld. R. N. Riggans
Pilot Mountain ..... Elds. G. O. Key, Geo. Kenny
Rock House ..... Elds. D. Collins, J. S. Hill
State Road ..... Eld. J. M. Royal
Stony Creek ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek ..... Elds. J. C. Dunbar, G. O. Key
Toms Creek ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
Union ..... Elds. J. C. Dunbar, Jas. W. Creed
Volunteer ..... Eld. Geo. Denny

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. W. H. Atkinson, and introductory sermon was preached by Eld. G. O. Key. Text; I Cor. 2 : 9. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, etc."

2. After intermission we assembled in the house and the work of the Association was opened by prayer by Eld. J. M. Royal.

3. Elds. W. S. England of Elkhorn Association, R. F. Anderson of Mayo Association and G. W. Harris were sent to the stand to preach in the afternoon.

4. Letters from the different churches received, read and messengers seated except from Hogans Creek, Deep Creek and Dover, no letters from them.

5. The Association was organized by electing by acclamation, Eld. F. P. Stone, Moderator, G. J. Key, Clerk and Eld. Geo Denny, Assistant Clerk.

6. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister Associations and the following were present, viz:

Abbots Creek—T. H. Williams, correspondent, J. A. Edwards, visitor.

Bear Creek—Roll of minutes.

Black Creek—Roll of minutes.

Elk Horn—Elds. H V. Snow and W. S. England, visitors.

Little River—Elds. T. F. Adams, correspondent, E. C. Jones, visitor.

Lower Country Line—Roll of minutes.

Mayo—Eld. W. J. Brown, Brethren A. A. Jefferson and R. F. Anderson, correspondents, W. A. Leak, J. W. Jefferson and J. R. Beasley, visitors.

Mountain---Roll of minutes.

New River---Eld. J. R. Crews, correspondent, Bro. C. H. Horton, visitor, (but not seated)

Pig River—Eld. J F. Steagel and Bro. Tench, visitors.

Roaring River – Roll of minutes.

Salem – Eld. Geo. Hill, correspondent, Brother W.L. Teague, Moderator, of Salem Association, visitor.

Smith River —Roll of minutes.

Upper Country Line --- Roll of minutes.

Files of minutes received from Contentnea, Kehukee, Ketocton, Pig River and Staunton River Associations.

7. Moved and seconded that correspondents and visitors from sister Associations be received and seated. The matter of seating messengers from New River was referred to the committee on arrangements, and balance were seated.

8. Appointed the Moderator and assistant Clerk to make all committee appointments.

9. Appointed Frank R. Stone and S. T. Atkinson committee on finance

10. R. F. Cox and E. M. Goings committee on distributing cor. minutes.

11. C. T. Hall, A. Q. Hunter and Geo. Denny to serve with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements.

12. R. W. Mosley and J. D. Key to serve with the Moderator and messengers of Laurel Springs church as committee on preaching.

13. Called for petitionary letters. A letter from Fishers Gap church was read requesting a presbytery of Elders be appointed by this Association to assist them in a matter of some members withdrawing from that church and joining Zion Association, which was referred to committee.

14. This minute read and approved.

15. Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock A. M. Saturday morning for business and at ten o'clock for preaching service.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. T. F. Adams of Little River Association.

2. Called for report of committee on arrangements. Report read and committee discharged.

3. Due to confusion existing in New River and Smith River Associations we discontinue correspondence with them for the time being.

4. Called for report of correspondents. Those who attended reported and those who did not were excused.

5. Appointed Eld. F. P. Stone to write our next circular letter.

6. Ordered Obituaries of Elds. C. W. Stone and A. B. Key, Deacons, P. W. Lawrence, T. A. Jones and S. D. Key attached to this minute.

7. Appointed correspondents as follows viz.

Abbotts Creek, J. D. Key and J. S. Morrison; Bear Creek, J. D. Key; Mayo, Eld J. W. Beasley and Brother R. L. Jones; Salem, Elds. S. T. Atkinson, Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, J. W. Beasley, J. S. Morrison, Brethren W. L. Wood, J. D. Key and T. C. Hall; Little River, Elds. S. T. Atkinson, J. S. Morrison, F. P. Stone and Brother W. L. Wood.

8. Moved and carried that Eld. F. P. Stone appoint the Presbytery to visit the church at Fishers Gap, and he appointed Elds. J. W. Creed, J. C. Dunbar and G. W. Harris.

9. Ordered printed and distributed the usual number of minutes.

10. Agreed to give the clerk $10.00 and balance on hand to the Moderator.

11. Called for report of finance committee, they reported:

Received from churches	$44.85
Balance in Clerks hands	$ 8.37
Total finances	$53.22
Gave Clerk	$10.00
Paid for printing Minutes and postage	$32.00
Gave balance to Moderator	$11.22
Balance in Clerks hands	00.00

Report received and committee discharged.

12. Agreed that our next session of the Association be held with the church at Hogans Creek, about 3 miles west of Siloam and about 15 miles South of Mt. Airy, N. C., on Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1933.

13. Offered a resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters and Friends for caring for this Association.

14. This Minute read and approved.

15. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

ELD. F. P. STONE, Moderator
G. J. KEY, Clerk
ELD. GEO. DENNY, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY	W. S England	Clerk failed to get text
	G. W. Harris	Clerk failed to get text
	R W. Anderson	Clerk failed to get text
SATURDAY	W. J. Brown	Clerk failed to get text
	E. C. Jones	Clerk failed to get text
	H. V. Snow	Clerk failed to get text
	J. F. Stegall	Clerk failed to get text
	F. T. Adams	Clerk failed to get text
	F. P. Stone	Gal. 1 : 8
SUNDAY	W. S England	No text used
	E. C. Jones	Clerk failed to get text
	J F. Stegall	Eph. 1 : 1
	W. J. Brown	Eph. 2 : 1
	Geo. Hill	Eph. 2 : 8
	T. F. Adams	Clerk failed to get text
	H. V. Snow	Clerk failed to get text

OBITUARY

P. W. LAWRENCE

P. W. Lawrence was born at Hillsdale, Guilford County, N.C., Jan. 13, 1834, and died Jan. 16, 1931. His age being 97 years and 3 days. His father died when he was 11 years old, leaving his mother and several sisters to be cared for. Responsibilities must have been rather heavy, for at the age of 31 he enlisted in the Civil War, going through the privations and sufferings that prevailed in those

years In Jan. 1881 he was married to Celia Olivia Gordon. To this union were born five children, three boys and two girls, one daughter and one son preceeded him to the grave a number of years and his wife only a few months, He joined the church in early manhood and was ordained a deacon in 1868, serving the Volunteer church quite a number of years. He was brilliant in conversation, even when we were children we enjoyed visiting in his home. He was held in high esteen by his many friends and acquaintances and his home was a pleasant and welcome home for his brethren and friends and neighbors to visit.

He was very fond of reading and was better posted than the average citizen and could discuss matters of state very intelligently. He was blessed with good health and was active and alert in movement until he was hurt in a fall some fifteen or twenty years before his death, however his mind was brilliant quite a while later. We remember him as a good citizen, kind father and a worthwhile brother and feel that he has passed to his reward inthe Great Beyond.

Written by

ELD. GEO. DENNY, Pilot Mt., N. C., May 5, 1932.

ELD. C. W. STONE

Elder Charles Wesley Stone, son of the late Edmond and Martha Stone, was born Aug 19, 1879, departed this life Dec. 28, 1931, making his stay on earth 52 years, 4 months and 9 days. In early life he was married to Miss Stacy Key and to this union was born one daughter He was married the second time to Miss Cora Williard. He was received by Ararat church on Nov. 7, 1903, and was soon liberated to speak in public, later moving his membership to Union, his gift making room for him and increasing with such interest that the church soon called a presbytery having him ordained to the full privileges of the gospel ministry. He was able in doctrine and a lover of peace among the churches, serving the churches at home and occasionaly traveling in other states. His labors were greatly appreciated at home and abroad and we feel keenly our loss in his departure.

He was an industrious hard working man when able and at home, being blessed wiih a good home, and provided well for those about him. He had the misfortune to lose one eye several years prior to his death and for a period of time suffered intensly from this affliction, however he was blest to overcome his troubles in life in a humble Christlike manner and was much devoted to his sacred cause of his Christian religion. We remember him as a kind husband and father, a good neighbor and citizen respecting law and order among our churches and people. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by

ELD. GEO. DENNY, Pilot Mt. N. C., May 10, 1932.

DEACON T. A. JONES

Thomas Augustin Jones, son of Aletha and John Jones, and a grandson of Eld. John Jones, was born Feb. 5, 1859, and died Mar. 30, 1931. Age 72 years. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Union 44 years ago and was baptized by Elder D. S. Webb of Carroll County Va.; later on he moved his membership to Stewarts Creek church, also shortly thereafter was ordained Deacon which he served faithfully. Brother Jones was ever watching over the church for its welfare and peace. He was a hard working man and was blessed to accumulate some of this world's goods. I have never known a more cheerful giver to the poor and needy members and also to visiting ministers. Brother Jones was very conscientious and lived his faith as nearly as any person could. He was loved by his many friends and will be greatly missed in many ways. He is survived by one brother, Jim Jones, and one sister, Mrs. G. O. Key, both of Pilot Mountain, and a large number of nieces and nephews. Brother Jones was never married and for many years made his home with his nephew, Robert and his mother. During his illness he was tenderly nursed and cared for by Mrs Bettie Wolf with whom he made his home for the past four years. During the last few months of his illness he frequently remarked that there was hapiness beyond the grave for him.

The funeral was held at the old home place Tuesday, March 31, 1931, at 2:00 P. M., with Elds. G. O. Key, Charley Stone and J. C. Dunbar officiating. His remains were laid to rest in the Jones family cemetery, there were no flowers by his request. We hope our loss is his eternal gain.

This done by order of the Fishers River Association.—R. W. MOSLEY.

S. D. KEY

S. D. Key was born May 1, 1868, and died Nov. 11, 1930, living 62 yrs. 6 mo. and 10 da. He joined the church at Hogans Creek the third Saturday in July 1908, and was ordained Deacon on the third Saturday in Nov. 1908, and about the same time was chosen clerk.

He served his church faithfully as long as he was able. We remember him as a worthy brother and a lover of peace; a kind husband and father and a loyal citizen of his neighborhood. He was married to Nannie Cranfield Dec. 24, 1888. To this union were born twelve children, nine boys and three girls, of which nine are still living. He leaves five brothers and one sister together with a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Written by Elds. Geo Denny and Jas. W. Creed.

ELD. A. B. KEY

Eld. A. B. Key was born May 24, 1870, and died Dec. 30, 1931. Was killed by a falling stone while cleaning out his well. He was the son of Eld. R. R. Key who was a brother to Eld. G. O Key. His mother was Rosannah B. Key, who was a sister of Elds. G. and C. B. Denny.

Very early in life he began to show marked evidence of the dealings of the Lord with him. About the age of 18 he joined the church at Union and was baptized with Eld. J. A. Ashburn and his older brother Jason D. Key, who joined at Ararat church in April 1888. He moved his membership from Union to Ararat, thence to Mulberry where he remained a member until death. He loved the cause for which the church stands.

He was happily married to Miss Clara Jones, the youngest daughter of Deacon Bramlet Jones. To this union were born five sons and three daughters. All married except the two youngest. Five brothers and five sisters still live to mourn with the family. We feel so much that our loss is his gain, and that we must say, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord." Just a few minutes before the falling of the fatal stone he was singing, his favorite hymn. "Show pity Lord, O Lord forgive; let a repenting rebel live." Two of his loving sons were operating the windlass, after calling help one son, Aubry, went down a distance of forty feet taking the dying body of his father in his arms brought him to land, and rushed him to the hospital at Elkin but he never regained consciousness and died in a few hours. The church and community will miss him. May all who knew him pray for his faithful and loving companion and children.

Written by his brother—JASON.

CIRCULAR LETTER

At the last session of our Association our beloved and highly esteemed brother, Elder C. W. Stone, was appointed to write an annual or circular letter, but God saw fit to call him from our midst and we sincerely believe took him unto himself I make the attempt to fill his place as best I can. Many have gone who met with us a year ago, whom we will miss greatly, but by the spirit of truth we are able to say as we hope that our loss is their eternal gain and we do realize that soon our names with theirs will be enrolled with the dead. Time's relentless hand is thus forever severing our earthly ties, but while this is true there is a hand of blessed love made possible and forever secured to all the family of God by the glorious work of Jesus, our Savior. So my dearly beloved brethren let us ever remember that admonition of Paul to Timothy when he said " Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." Brethren, this is well worthy of our consideration at all times and in all things, for we, as children of God, and especially the servants of God in his kingdom, who have been called by his grace out of darkness into the marvelous light and liberty of the Gospel of his dear Son who has been ordained to the work of the ministry for the perfection of the Saints for the edifying of the body of Christ, should be careful in all things pertaining to this great work, for we realize in our natural being we are carnal and subject to vanity oftimes erring by following after the traditions of men and thus depart from the true principles of our faith in that respect, therefore it is needful that we be watchful in all things and do the work of evangelists, making full proof of our ministry that God may in all things be glorified in us. So let brotherly love continue among us, putting our charity which is the bond of perfection manifesting our love one for another by laying aside all malice, strife and contention which only tend to cause divisions among us and thereby destroy our peace and hinder the progress of our churches as well as the associations, so by the grace of God let us refrain from such things taking heed unto ourselves and unto the doctrine which is the principles of faith wrought in our hearts, for, brethren, we profess a living faith.

F. P. Stone

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek	T. R. Freeman	Steeds, N. C.	19
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.	26
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	Peachland, N. C.	23
Contentnea	H. L. Brake	Rocky Mount, N. C.	24
Ebeneezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brighwood, Va.	15
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C.	36
Ketocton	Eld. C. W. Miller	Box 1267, Washinton, D. C.	21
Lower Country Line	A. P. Clayton	Roxboro, N. C.	19
Little River	Eld. R. H. Stephenson	Willow Springs, N. C.	20
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	18
Mayo	S. G. Dobyns	R. F. D., Stewart, Va.	31
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship	Boon Mill, Va	27
Roaring River	Eld. M. P. Spencer	North Wilkesboro, N. C.	11
Silver Creek	T. H. Bentley	Stanley, N. C.	11
Salem	J. H. McKaughan	Kernersville, N. C.	12
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	16
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Whitmell, Va.	16
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamaha, N. C.	20
White Oak	Eld. R. W. Gurganus	Beulaville, N. C.	16

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Ararat	Geo. Denny	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	30
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer	King, N. C.	35
Conners Grove	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Box 32 Pinnacle, N. C.	28
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer	East Bend, N. C.	25
Dover	J. M. Creed	White Plains, N. C.	10
Fishers River	G. W. Wilson	White Plains, N. C.	15
Franklin	E. M. Goings	Bottom, N. C.	50
Hogans Creek	Joe Key	R. 1 Siloam, N. C.	20
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington	R. 2 Mt. Airy, N. C.	28
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall	R. 3 Mt. Airy, N. C.	18
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	R. 2 Dobson, N. C.	17
Little Vine	A. J. Beamer	R. 1 Dobson, N. C.	55
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	Elkin, N. C.	30
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman	Dobson, N. C.	15
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	45
Rock House	R. F. Cox	R. 1 Pilot Mountain, N. C.	40
State Road	W. F. Nixon	R. 1 State Road, N. C.	35
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 1 Mt. Airy, N. C.	40
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 3 Mt. Airy, N. C.	75
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone	R. 1 Francisco, N. C.	95
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	95
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker	King, N. C.	18

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Communion mo.	Sun. of Meetings	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex-Bap	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dism. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Ararat	C. W. Key, L. D. Denny, S. H. Fulk	Aug.	2	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	36	$2 00
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer, W. R. Morefield, W. S Denny	May	-	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	41	2 50
Conners Grove	R. L. Jones, J. W. Beasley, J. R. Beasley	May-Oct.	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	30	1.50
Deep Creek	Not Represented	Sept.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	1.00
Dover	Not Represented	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	.....
Fishers River	G. C. Branch, W. R. Branch	Aug.	1	.	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	19	1.00
Franklin	Dany Wood, John Gillispie, E. M. Goings	Aug.	3	3	..	7	..	..	4	..	..	58	2.25
Hogans Creek	Not Represented	.....	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	.....
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington, Cephus Childress, I. P. Pike	July	1	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	23	1.25
Laurel Springs	N. S. Southern, L. B. Dunbar, C. T. Hall	Aug.	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	19	1.50
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Hubert Ashburn	Aug.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	1.00
Little Vine	J. H. Callahan, S. R. Gillispie, J. D. White	Aug.	4	..	..	6	..	..	..	2	..	60	1.30
Mulberry	W. L. Wood, O. B. Key	Aug.	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	1.30
Mitchells River	P. H. Snow, J. A. Coleman, Nelson Stewart	July	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	15	.75
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, J. W .Simmons, J. T. Helpler	Aug.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	4.00
Rock House	E. E. Cox, R. F. Cox	Aug.	2	2	..	.	..	..	..	..	4	43	1.25
State Road	J. H. Stonestreet, W. F. Nixon, J. M. Royal	July	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	35	2.60
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter. W. C. Hiatt	July	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	4.00
Stewarts Creek	Eld. G. W. Harris, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	Aug.	3	1	..	6	..	..	..	7	..	74	4 10
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter, Y. W. Simmons, F. R. Stone	Aug.	4	2	..	1	..	..	.	..	2	100	4.50
Union	H. R. Key, Jacob Badgett, G. T. Jones	July	4	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	101	5.25
Volunteer	No Messengers.	Aug.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	1.50

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MINUTES

OF THE

One-Hundredth and First Annual Session

OF THE

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Hogans Creek

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

July 7, 8 and 9, 1933

OFFICERS

ELDER F. P. STONE.....Moderator
R. F. D. No. 2, Dobson, North Carolina

G. J. KEY,.....Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

ELDER GEO. DENNY,.....Assistant Clerk
Pilot Mountain, North Carolina

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

W. H. Atkinson ..... R. 6 Mt. Airy, N. C.
S. T. Atkinson ..... R. 6 Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. R. Beasley ..... R. 1 White Plains, N. C.
Jas. W. Creed ..... R. 1 Ararat, N. C.
J. C. Dunbar ..... R. 4 Mt. Airy, N. C.
Geo. Denny ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.
G. W. Harris ..... R. 5 Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. O. Key ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ..... Mayodan, N. C.
F. P. Stone ..... R. 2 Dobson, N. C.
Roy S. Smith ..... R. 6 Mt. Airy, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. D. Key ..... 408 Cleveland Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C.
J. S. Key ..... R. 3 Sanford, N. C.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat (Cedar Hill) ..... Eld. Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel ..... Eld. S. H. Reid
Deep Creek ..... Eld. S. H. Reid
Dover .....
Fishers River ..... Elds. J. R. Beasley, J. W. Beasley
Fishers Gap ..... Eld. W. H. Atkinson
Franklin ..... Elds. W. H. Atkinson, S. T. Atkinson
Hogans Creek ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
Hollingsworth Grove .....
Laurel Springs ..... Elds. J. C. Dunbar, Jas. W. Creed
Liberty ..... Eld. Jas. W. Creed
Little Vine .. Elds. W. H. Atkinson, S. T. Atkinson, Roy S. Smith
Mulberry ..... Eld. S. T. Atkinson
Mitchells River .....
Pilot Mountain ..... Elds. G. O. Key, Geo. Denny
Rock House ..... Elds. J. S. Hill, W. J. Brown
State Road ..... Elds. S. T. Atkinson, Roy S. Smith
Stony Creek ..... Elds. F. P. Stone, Jas. W. Creed
Stewarts Creek .... Elds. J. C. Dunbar, G. O. Key, G. W. Harris
Toms Creek ..... Elds. F. P. Stone, G. W. Harris
Union ..... Elds. J. W. Creed, J. C. Dunbar, F. P. Stone
Volunteer ..... Eld. W. J. Brown

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. Geo. Denny and introductory sermon preached by Eld. J. C. Dunbar, no special text used.

2. After intermisison we assembled in the house and the work of the Association was opened with prayer by Eld G. O. Key.

3. Elds. S. U. Atwood, R. S. Smith S. T. Atkinson, G. W. Harris and J. A. Fagg were appointed to go to the stand to preach in the afternoon. Eld. S. T. Atkinson refused to preach with Eld. Fagg on account of barriers claimed to have been set up by Upper Mayo Association against Lower Mayo and others. (Elds. Harris and Smith didn't go.)

4. Letters from the different churches received and read except Hollingsworth Grove, Dover and Mitchells River No messengers or letters from them. A letter was read from Fishers Gap, and the work done there by Eld. Atkinson being accepted and all messengers received and seated.

5. The Association was organized by electing unanimous, Eld. F. P. Stone, Moderator, G. J. Key, Clerk, Eld. Geo. Denny, Asst. Clerk, and in connection with the election it was agreed that at our next Association we elect officers by private ballot.

6. Voted 27 to 22 in favor of discontinuing formal correspondence for the time being with sister Associations.

7. Appointed the Moderator to make all committee appointments.

8. Appointed Eld. Geo. Denny and Brethren G. T. Jones and C. W. Key with the Deacons of Hogans Creek church, a committee on preaching.

9. Appointed Brethren L.D.Denny and A.A.Taylor committee on finance.

10. Appointed Brethren W. A. Palmer and Lester Ashburn to distribute minutes.

11. Appointed Elds. J. W. Creed, G. W. Harris and Bro. A. Q. Hunter to serve with the moderator and clerk as committee on arrangements.

12. This minute read and no objections to it.

13. Adjourned to meet on Saturday at 9:30 o'clock for business and at 10 o'clock for preaching.

SATURDAY MORNING JULY 8, 1933

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. W. H. Atkinson.

2. Called roll of messengers and absentees marked out.

3. Called for report of committee of arrangements. Their report read and approved and committee discharged.

4. Ordered obituaries of Elds. J. M. Royal, C. G. Adams, D. Collins and Deacons Wm. Lawson and Alex Joyce be attached to our minute.

5. Read Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

6. Ordered Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum attached to this minute.

7. Called for report of correspondents. Those who attended reported and those who did not were excused and all discharged.

8. Appointed Eld. Geo. Denny to write our next circular letter.

9. Called for report of committee appointed to visit Fishers Gap. Their report was made, accepted and committee discharged.

10. Circular letter read, approved and ordered attached to this minute.

11. Agreed that our Association be held with the church at State Road Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday in July, 1934, 14 miles west of Dobson, N. C., nine miles north of Elkin, N. C.,on State Highway 26.

12. Ordered printed and distributed 1200 minutes as usual. (Clerk found 1100 to be enough, and only had this number printed.)

13. Called for report of finance committee. They reported:

Received from churches and friends $61.16
Gave Clerk..... .....$15.00
Paid for printing minutes and postage $40.00
Gave balance to Moderator..... .....$ 6.16
Total finances $61.16

Report received and committee discharged.

14. Voted a resolution of thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this Association.

15. Gave intermission for lunch hour, and after intermission continued proceedings as follows:

16. Moved and seconded that we dissolve in separate bodies. Much discussion followed and after suggestions of withdrawal, party who made the move, refused to withdraw it and it was moved, seconded and carried by standing vote of 32 for, and 11 against, overruling the move, because of the move not having stated the cause for dissolution, and that we stop further contention about the division and accept the work of the Association.

17. Messengers from Conners Grove Church withdrew from the Association, Eld. Walter Beasley stating that he would stand for the action so far as authority for the action was concerned.

18. This minute read and approved.

ELD. F. P. STONE, Moderator
G. J. KEY, Clerk
ELD. GEO. DENNY, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY—J. C. Dunbar	No Special Text Used
S. U. Atwood	No Special Text Used
J. A. Fagg	II Timothy 4 : 1
SATURDAY—W. H. Atkinson	II Psalms 1 : 2
J. W. Creed	1 Timothy 4 : 1
J. W. Brown	St. John VI - 38
S. U. Atwood	No Special Text Used
J. R. Beasley	No Special Text Used
J. C. Dunbar	No Special Text Used
SUNDAY—G. O. Key	I Cor. 15 : 22
G. W. Harris	John 1 : 9
S. H. Reid	Isaiah I 18 : 19
Geo. Denny	Romans 12 : 15
F. P. Stone	No Special Text Used

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after his own will, and that he, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness, eternal immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and this God has revealed himself in his word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness on earth—the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe on his name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow he did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son; that God elected according to his foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

CONSTITUTION

I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churces certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the Association.

II. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their; number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last Association. These facts are to be expressed only in the letters to the fall Association.

III. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in the union.

IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

V. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk,who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

VI. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

VII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

VIII. Every query presented, by any member in the Association, shall be received and answered according to the scriptures.

IX. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by he who made it.

X. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk appointed by the Association.

XI. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

XII. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when the Association may think proper.

XIII. We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

XIV. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the Association; (5) To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business which it sees necessary; (6) To withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; (7) To admit any of our distant brethren into the Association, as assistants, who may be present at the time of its sitting if it shall think necessary; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time or place which they may think convenient to the churches in this union.

RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privelege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

OBITUARIES

DEACON WM. RILEY LAWSON

Wm. Riley, son of Wm. C. and Lacky Lawson was born Feb. 6, 1858, in Stokes County, near Danbury, .N C. About the year 1879 he was married to Miss Judy Flippin and settled near West Field, N.C., where he lived until about the year 1901 or 1902. Then he moved to Surry County, N. C., near Round Peak. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist church at Toms Creek on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. 1899. He was granted a letter of dismission on June 25, 1899, and was one of the charter members in the constituting of Albion church. July 8, 1899, and was ordained to the office of deacon the same day, Brother Lawson was a faithful member and an active deacon, until he moved so far away he could not attend regularly. He was granted a letter of dismission on Sept. 25, 1925 and joined Franklin church shortly afterwards and was received as deacon, living and dying a true deacon and faithful member. Brother Lawson's manners was very quiet, but seemed to stand firm for the doctrine He departed this life Oct., 1930 and his remains was laid to rest in Franklin cemetery. We sure do miss his presence, but we feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by

ELD. S. T. ATKINSON

ELDER D. COLLINS

Elder D. Collins was born Aug. 24. 1860, united with the Primitive Baptist church at Piney Grove on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1891 and was chosen Clerk of same on Saturday before the first Sunday in February, 1892. He joined the church at Rock House by letter on Aug. 12, 1893, was ordained to the office of deacon the same day. He was chosen as clerk at Rock House Dec. 9, 1899, and served faithfully until released and was later licensed to speak in public for a short time and was ordained to the office of Elder June 8, 1907. He was chosen pastor of his home church shortly after his ordaination which he served faithfully until death. He also served three other churches faithfully, and his labor in the ministry was crowned with success, his gift making room for him everywhere he went.

He died in full triumph of the faith June 22, 1932, his remains were quietly laid to rest in the cemetery at Rock House, a large procession of relatives and friends being present. His funeral services were conducted by Elders S. U. Atwood, W. H. Atkinson and Sam Hill. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his beloved brother in hope

W. H. ATKINSON

ELDER J. M. ROYAL

As I am called to assist on writing the Obituary of my dear parent Elder J. M. Royal, it is with a sad heart as concerning the flesh, but gladness when in the spirit of truth, what I can say of him. He was born July 22, 1859, was married to Mary J. Johnson in 1878. and to this union were born seven children. Five boys and two girls. One died in infancy and one adult. Five survive.

He joined the church in early life at Woodruff, but moved his membership to State Road Aug. 14, 1892 by letter; and sister Royal joined the same day by experience. He was ordained to the ministry Nov. 10, 1894. The presbytery was composed of Elders M. G. Harbour, W. H. Atkinson, J. M. Wyatt, Deacon J. M. Gordon, Barnett Payne, J. M. Jones, Harrison Haynes and Robert H. Riggan. In 1908 it pleased the great God to call away his companion. He was later married to Amanda E. Fulk, no childen were born to this union.

On Sept. 11,1926, it pleased God to take her to the Great Beyond. He died Aug. 20, 1932; age 73 years and 29 days. He was a faithful minister and served the church at State Road thirty eight years He began serving the church, the people of God, far and near with the weapon that God gave him. He fought the good fight and his last words were (casting his eyes upward) "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" By the grace of God he lived a quiet life and we feel that he is one of the host that shall come from the East, West, North and South and set in the kingdom with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He contended that God was and is a whole God, not having been taught of the flesh, but was taught of the Lord.

He was buried at State Road by his companions. His invitation was to the people of God to visit us. We extend the invitation we are poor in worldly goods but hope we have treasures laid up in heaven. We miss him at home but hope to meet him in heaven.

Written by

W. F. NIXON AND GLEN ROYAL

ELDER CHARLES G. ADAMS

Charles G. Adams, son of (Deacon) Samuel and Amie (Barnard) Adams, was born Nov. 10, 1864, died Jan. 14, 1933, age 68 years, 2 months and 4 days. Was married to Lameasia Jane Hunter, Sept. 5, 1886 and to this union were born three sons and two daughters. He having professed a hope of eternal life and joined the church at Toms Creek near Westfield, Surry County, N. C., July 25, 1903, was liberated to exercise his gift and calling to the ministry on May 13, 1911 and was licensed June 13, 1914. Was ordained Sept. 26, 1925. He was sound in the doctrine and a lover of peace in his church, association, home and community.

Brother Adams was a farmer and by hard labor and economy and help of a good and industrious wife made a good living for his family and always extended a welcome to his brethren and friends. He was held in high esteem by his neighbors as a gentleman and by his brethren as a true christian. His wife preceeded him to the Great Beyond several years before his passing. He and his oldest son kept house and carried on his farm work until the spring of 1932 when he became afflicted with internal cancer. He made the statement to me while visiting him, that he was not afraid to die, so we feel to say that his children have lost a good father, his neighbors a good citizen and the church a good member.

After funeral services by his pastor at his home church he was laid to rest beside his wife in the family cemetery to await the Resurrection Morning.

Written by his Pastor

F. P STONE, (by order of his church)

DEACON A. L. JOYCE

Deacon A. L. Joyce was born Jan. 24, 1861 and died Nov. 8 1932, age 71 years 8 months and 15 days He was twice married; first to Mary E. Nunn about the year 1881. To this union were born twelve children three of whom preceeded him in death. Also his wife died Sept. 10, 1910, leaving him to be both father and mother to the younger children which he did with a faithful heart and willing hand. He was married to Mrs Mary (Taylor) Badgett Sept. 14. 1919 Surviving are the widow, six sons and three daughters, forty-five grand children and eighteen great grand children. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Rock House and was baptized Sept. 10. 1910; was ordained as deacon Saturday before the second Sunday in June, 1925, which office he filled faithfully until death He was a true and faithful member, ever filling his seat when it was possible for him to do so. and in his passing we feel to say he is gone to rest from his labors, and wish to say to his companion, children and friends, weep not, nis body is only sleeping, for death is only a dream.

Written by request of his church by

F. P. Stone

CIRCULAR LETTER

The purpose of our annual letter is to strengthen and edify the housdhold of faith. The scriptures as they were written by holy man of God contain all that we should know, believe, teach and practice religiously, and contain all that is necessary to make us wise unto salvation The Primitive Baptist church is noted for its adherence to the Bible on which it steadfastly relies to prove its doctrine and practice to be apostolic, and on the same grounds, it respects the doctrine and commandments of men. and we, the Fisi ers River Association, are still adhereing to the same doctrine and practice that was believed and contend ed for by our dear brethren who organized this. our Association, on F iday before the third Sunday in November. 1832. at Codys Creek meeting house and drew up our Articles of Faith.

As there is so much controversy over the word predestination and therefore knowledge and predestination is one and the same thing, we wish to quote sec tion IV of our Articles of Faith, "We believe that all whom God foreknew he did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, th t God elected according to his foreknowledge through sanctification of the sp rit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved." We accept this rather than the ideas of men today who are seeking to devour and destroy the fellowship of our churches Then, we would ask. what is the church? Christ's language in Matthew 18—15--18 demonstrates that the church is the last and highest acclesiastical authority on earth, there can be no appeal under the law of Christ from the decision of the church to a presbytery, conference, convention or an association, or to any earthly authority, and when a member or a church or an association ignores this rule, they have denied the true sovereignty of the church. We contend each gospel church to be a separate and independent republic having Christ as its only head and lawgiver. We. as the church or body of Christ, are not drawn together by any outward bond, but by an inward. heavenly, purifving, elevating bond of Divine love, peace and fellowship, such as our Lord Jesus Christ tenderly enjoined upon us and earnestly besought his Father to give us. So my dear brethren, let me admonish you one and all to abstain from the appearance of evil by staying out of the confusion that now exists and work together for harmony, that peace may abound in our midst. Submitted in Love.

F. P. Stone

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Ketocton	Eld. C. W. Miller	Box 86 Rosslyn, Va.	21
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	19
Little River	Eld. L. H. Stephenson	Willow Springs, N. C.	20
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	18
New River	Guy B. Phillips	Indian Valley, Va.	10
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	29
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship	Boone Mill, Va.	27
Roaring River	J. A. Miller	Laurel Springs, N. C.	11
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	15
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Dry Fork, Va.	16
Salem	J. H. McKaughan	R. F. D. 1 Kernersville, N. C.	12
Smith River	Eld. J. G. L. Hash	Endicott, Va.	22
Mayo	S. G. Dobyns	Stuart, Va.	16
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Fishers River	Brady Clifton	Dobson, N. C.	12
Franklin	E. M. Goings	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	65
Fishers Gap	Mrs. A. R. Simmons	Low Gap, N. C.	10
Hogans Creek	Joe Key	R. 1, Ararat, N. C.	18
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	18
Liberty	R. S. Pondexter	R. 2, Dobson, N. C.	15
Little Vine	S. R. Gillispie	Dobson, N. C.	50
Mulberry	W. L. Wood	R. 1, Elkin, N. C.	25
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	35
Rock House	R. F. Cox	R. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	40
State Road	W. F. Nixon	State Road, N. C.	30
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	35
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	75
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone	R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	86
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	90
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Ararat	C. W. Key, Lester Ashburn, D. J. Denny	Aug.	2	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	40	$2.50
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer, J. P. Slawter, W. S. Denny	May	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	42	3.00
Deep Creek	J. R. Hall, J. H. Spencer, M. M. Flynn	Sept.	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	27	2.00
Dover	Not Represented	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	.....
Fishers River	Jim Branch, Grover Branch, Brady Clifton	Aug.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	13	1.00
Fishers Gap	Sisters Ida Simmons, A. R. Simmons, Silver Thompson	Aug.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1.50
Franklin	Roy S. Smith, E. W. Shelton, E. M. Goings	Aug.	3	3	..	21	..	..	.	1	1	77	2.80
Hogan's Creek	Joe Key	.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	20	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove	Not Represented	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	.....
Laurel Springs	C. T Hall	Aug.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	1	18	2.00
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Hubert Ashburn	Aug.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	18	1.00
Little Vine	Jesse Callahan, J. D. White, S. R. Gillispie	Aug.	4	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	39	2.05
Mulberry	W. L. Wood	Aug.	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	30	1.60
Mitchells River	Not Represented	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	.....
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, G. O. Key, Jesse Collins	Aug.	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	.	..	41	2.50
Rock House	G. R. Dunivant, E. E. Cox, R. F. Cox	Aug.	2	1	..	4	3	..	1	..	3	46	2.50
State Road	W. F. Nixon, J. H. Stonestreet, T. J. Snow	Aug.	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	32	2.10
Stony Creek	J. F. Joyce, J. M. Hunter, S. G. Joyce	July	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	37	3.65
Stewarts Creek	G. W. Harris, R. W. Mosley, J. E. Jones	Aug.	3	1	..	11	..	..	1	2	1	82	6.60
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter, Y. W. Simmons, F. R. Stone	Sept.	2	1	..		..	..	..	2	3	92	5.00
Union	G. F. Riddle, J. F. Fulk, S. J. Jones	Jul.	4	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	105	5.50
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker, J. F. Sisk	Jun.	4	..	..	5	5	..	..	..	1	25	3.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRETH AND SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at State Road

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

July 6th, 7th and 8th, 1934

OFFICERS

ELD. F. P. STONE, ... Moderator
R. F. D. No. 1, Francisco, North Carolina

ELD. GEO. DENNY ..... Clerk
Pilot Mountain, North Carolina

FRANK R. STONE..... Assistant Clerk
Route 1, Francisco, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder C. L. Roberts of Mountain Association and introductory sermon preached by Elder George Denny.

2. After intermission the messengers assembled in the house and the work of the Association was opened with prayer by Elder G. W. Harris.

3. The letters from the churches were handed in, read and messengers seated, except Union and Stuarts Creek and a motion and second was made to refer their letters to the committee on arrangements and unanimously carried.

4. Deacon J. D. Key and Elder R. P. Vass was appointed to hold the election of moderator and clerks. Elder F. P. Stone was put in nomination for moderator, Elder Geo. Denny for clerk and Frank R. Stone assistant clerk. There being no others they were elected by acclamation.

5. Moved, seconded and carried that the preacher be elected by private ballot—three to be elected and the moderator to appoint more if we have time to preach them.

6. A petitionary letter was handed in by a body of nine members who had withdrawn from Franklin Church and it was referred to the committee.

7. Called for visitors; Elders G. C. and C. L. Roberts, Brother and sister Wagoner and Brother and sister Reeves reported from the mountain, Elder W. J. Brown from Mayo, Elder R. P. Vass from New River. Elder J. C. Dunbar objected to Elder Vass being received and it was referred to the committee on arrangement, and a file of minutes was received from Kehukee, Contentnea, Ketocton L. Country Line, Roaring River, Little River, Bear Creek, Senter, Staunton River, New River, Abbotts Creek, Pigg River, Salem and Ketocton.

8. Appointed moderator to make all committee appointments.

9. And he appointed Deacons, C. L. Slaughter and J. H. Hunter, a committee on finance.

10. Deacons J. H. Sheets and L. G. Tucker as a committee to distribute corresponding minutes.

11. Appointed Deacons W. A. Palmer, J. W. Pilson and S. L. Arrington to serve with the moderator and clerk as a committee on arrangements.

12. Adjourned to meet on Saturday at 9.30 o'clock and preaching to begin each day at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by the moderator.

2. Called roll of messengers.

3. Called for the report of committee on arrangements—their report was read, approved and committee discharged.

4. Ordered obituary of Elder G. O. Key be attached to these minutes.

5. Circular letter received and ordered attached to these minutes.

6. Omitted the reading of articles of faith and rules of decorum, but ordered that they and our constitution be printed in our minutes.

7. Due to the disturbed condition existing in Union Church as to the contention of Elder J. C. Dunbar which is in direct opposition to the work of our Association and this being his home church the committee on arrangements recommended that she be not seated. Then Elder Dunbar set up a claim that the Association was out of order, because the moderator called Elder G. W. Harris, a Elder of Stuarts Creek Church to the chair Friday while he, the moderator made a little talk. There had been an objection filed against seating of Stuarts Creek Church and a motion and second made to refer her letter to the committee on arrangements but they had not been nonseated but was later referred to the committee for an investigation. (See Item 9 Saturdays proceedings) Elder Dunbar declared a nonfellowship for the above (as he claimed) disorder, and also declared himself and his followers the Fishers River Association. State Road and Laurel Springs churches withdrew with him. (But we deny the charge of any disorder or that he has any right to our name moderator.)

8. Union Church being not seated, automatically debars Elder Dunbar as a messenger from State Road Church and we also find that Item one in our constitution would prohibit a member serving a church as messenger other than his home church, which reads as follows: via, The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats.

9. Elder J. C. Dunbar not being a member of Stuarts Creek Church we cannot hold them responsible for his opposition towards the Association. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that her messengers be seated.

10. There was a motion and second made to seat Elder R P. Vass as a visitor from New River and was unanimously carried.

11. In answer to the petitionary letter received, we recommend that all members who are loyal to the Fishers River Association and have withdrawn from the disorder of their

churches or turned out because of difference of opinion and can show that they were formerly in good standing, may be received into fellowship by other churches and recognized by our Association.

12. The committee on arrangements sent in this querry. Should a member who is ordained a deacon by his church move his membership to another church, would he become a deacon of that church without action of the body. We say that in our opinion he would not until voted in by that body.

13. Elder W. J. Brown, J. G. Fulk and Elder R. P. Vass was elected to preach Saturday A. M. Sunday: C. L. Roberts, G. W. Harris, B. P. Broadway, F. P. Stone.

14. Appointed Elder Geo. Denny to write our next circular letter.

15. Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church in the town of Pilot Mountain, N. C., Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday in July, 1935.

16. Ordered that the clerk have 1000 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

17. Agreed that we give our clerk and moderator the usual fee.

18. Called for report of finance committee and they reported:

Received from churches, brethren and friends	$59.00
Paid for printing minutes and postage	$30.00
Gave Clerk	$15.00
Gave Moderator	10.00
Balance in Clerk's hands	$4.00

Report received and committee discharged.

19. Voted a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this association so nicely and the large audience for the good order.

20. These minutes was read and approved.

21. Then adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

ELD. F. P. STONE, Moderator, R. 2, Dobson, N. C.
ELD. GEO. DENNY, Clerk, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
FRANK R. STONE, Ast. Clerk, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY	Eld. Geo. Denny. Text, Matthew 5:17.
SATURDAY	W. J. Brown. Text, Isah 26:1.
	J. G. Fulk. Text, Heb. 4:12.
	R. P. Vass. Text, Eph. 1:1-5.
	S. G. Roberts. No special text.
SUNDAY	C. L. Roberts. Text, 1st. Cor. 2:2.
	G. W. Harris. Text, John 21:18.
	B. P. Broadway. Text, Heb. 13:1.
	F. P. Stone. No special text.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed to write a circular letter to be attached to the minutes of our next Association I will now try to comply with the request. I know no subject more appropriate than the language of the savior saying this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness and then shall the end come. We feel that the gospel is a sweet message from heaven and is always preached in a spirit of love and is never lost or wasted like material things but portrays richly the beauties of a Christian life. When the gospel is preached believers in Jesus Christ are edified and God is praised.

There has been much said about the gospel. However, we are taught in Revelations that the angel flying in the midst of heaven with the everlasting gospel to preach to them that are on the earth was saying, "Fear God and give glory to Him and worship Him that made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of waters", so it's conclusive that the gospel is that witness that stands out over and above all things earthly and testifies concerning the Kingdom of God.

It was God's purpose that this gospel should be preached and believers are listening for it until the savior comes in the clouds to take those that remain on the earth.

This July 2nd. 1934.

ELD. GEO. DENNY.

OBITUARY OF ELD. G. O. KEY

Eld. Key was born May 14th, 1854 and departed this life November 22, 1933. He joined the church at Union about the date of 1885 and was baptized by Eld. D. S. Webb. He was soon liberated to speak in public and his gift soon made room for him at home and abroad, calling for his acclamation at an early period of life. Churches prospered under his care and he labored extensively the remainder of his life.

The church at Pilot Mt. was constituted in the date of 1896. Eld Key moved there and being much interested in the progress of the church he gave liberally of his means and labor in selecting a will lot and erecting the building. He was married to Eliza Jones Oct. 3rd., 1877. To this union were born ten children—six preceded him to the great beyond. He was very industrious and blessed with a good home and provided well for those about him. In his death we feel that the community has lost one of its best citizens, the family a good husband and father, the church a good pastor and able defender of the grand cause for which he labored.

This July 1, 1934.

Eld. Geo. Denny

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after his own will, and that he, who created all things, is infinite in power,wisdom, knowledge and goodness, eternal immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and this God has revealed himself in his word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness on earth—the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe on his name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow he did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son; that God elected according to his foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a

general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

CONSTITUTION

I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the Association.

II. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their; number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last Association. These facts are to be expressed only in the letters to the fall Association.

III. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in the union.

IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

V. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

VI. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

VII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

VIII. Every query presented, by any member in the Association, shall be received and answered according to the scriptures.

IX. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by he who made it

X. There shall be an Association book kept. wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk appointed by the Association.

XI. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

XII. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when the Association may think proper.

XIII. We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

XIV. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all neccessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the Association; (5) To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business which it sees necessary; (6) To withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; (7) To admit any of our distant brethren into the Association, as assistants, who may be present at the time of its sitting if it shall think necessary; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time or place which they may think convenient to the churches in this union.

RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

F. P. Stone ..... R. 2, Dobson, N. C.
Jas. W. Creed ..... R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
Geo. Denny ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.
G. W. Harris ..... R. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ..... Mayodan, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. D. Key ..... Cleveland Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C.
J. S. Key ..... R. 3, Sanford, N. C.
J. G. Fulk ..... R. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat (Cedar Hill) ..... Eld. Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel ..... Eld. S. H. Reed
Deep Creek ..... Eld. S. H. Reed
Dover .....
Hagans Creek ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
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Little Vine ..... Eld. J. R. Beasley
Mulberry ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
Mitchells River ..... Eld. G. C. Roberts
Pilot Mountain ..... Eld. Geo. Denny
Rock House ..... Eld. W. J. Brown
Stony Creek ..... Elders F. P. Stone, Jas. W. Creed
Stewarts Creek ..... Eld. G. W. Harris
Toms Creek ..... Elders F. P. Stone, G. W. Harris
Union ..... Eld. Jas. W. Creed
Volunteer ..... Eld. W. J. Brown

Ordained preachers
W. H. Atkinson
S. J. Atkinson
J. R. Beasley
J. C. Dunlap
Roy L. Smith

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Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny, L. D. Denny, J. M. Ashburn	Aug	2				1		1		1	39	$4.00
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer, J. P. Slaughter, W. S. Denny	May					1		4	1		39	4.00
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, J. R. Hall, M. M. Flynn	Sept.	2									24	2.00
Dover	Not Represented												
Hogans Creek	Victora Shores, Nannie Key, Katie Eads		1								3	22	.75
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson, S. L. Arrington, C. Childres									1		22	2.00
Liberty	J. W. Pilson	Aug.	1								2	17	1.50
Little Vine	Not Represented	Aug.	4									33	
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge., Betty Beemer, Luey Williams	Aug.	1				1			4		25	2.25
Mitchell's River	P. H. Snow, J. A. Coleman	July	4									15	1.00
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, Jessie Collins, Sam Fry	Aug.	1						1		1	38	3.00
Rock House	C. L. Slaughter, E. E. Cox, G. R. Dunivant	Aug.	2			2	1		6	1		41	3.00
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter, W. C. Hiatt	July	3							1		32	4.75
Stewarts Creek	J. E. Jones, Gray Fulk, R. W. Mosley	Aug.	3	1		2	2			9		75	5.00
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter, Frank R. Stone, Y. W. Simmons	Sept.	2	1						1	1	88	5.00
Union	H. R. Key, G. J. Key, G. T. Jones	July	4	2		11	1				1	116	5.50
Volunteer	J. F. Sisk, L. G. Tucker, A. J. Booth	June	4			3	2				1	30	3.25
State Road													1.50

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MINUTES

OF THE

103rd Annual Session

OF THE

Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Pilot Mountain

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

July 12th, 13th and 14th 1935

OFFICERS

F. P. STONE ..... Moderator
R F. D. No. 2, Dobson, North Carolina

G. J. KEY, ... Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

FRANK R. STONE, ... Assistant Clerk
R. F. D. No. 1, Francisco, North Carolina

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF ELDERS

F. P. Stone ..... R. 2, Dobson, N. C.
Jas. W. Creed ..... R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
Geo. Denny ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. W. Harris ..... R. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ..... Mayodan, N. C.
R. H. Riggin ..... Dobson, N. C.
J. G. Fulks ..... R. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. S. Key ..... R. 3, Sanford, N. C.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat ..... Eld. Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel ..... Elders. S. H. Reed, W. J. Brasswell
Deep Creek ..... Eld. S. H. Reed
Dover .....
Hagans Creek ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
Hollingsworth Grove ..... Eld. G. W. Harris
Liberty ..... Eld. J. W. Creed
Little Vine ..... Elders R. H. Riggin, J. G. Fulks
Mulberry ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
Mitchels River ..... Eld. R. H. Riggin
Pilot Mountain ..... Eld. Geo. Denny
Rock House ..... Eld. W. J. Brown
Stony Creek ..... Eld. F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek ..... Elders G. W. Harris, J. G. Fulks
Toms Creek ..... Elders F. P. Stone, G. W. Harris
Union ..... Elders J. W. Creed, F. P. Stone
Volunteer ..... Eld. W. J. Brown

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder George Denny.

2. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Fagg. Text, Eze. 37:3.

3. After intermission, assembled in the house. Song and prayer by Elder Kilby from the Mountain Association.

4. The Moderator appointed Elder Watt Priddy and Elder Moxley to preach in the Auditorium.

5. Letters from the churches were handed in, read, received and messengers seated.

6. Elected F. P. Stone Moderator, G. J. Key Clerk, and Frank R. Stone Assistant Clerk by acclimation.

7. Called for correspondents and names of visitors with response as follows: Abbotts Creek Church (Independent)—J. L. Clodfelter, G. W. Yokey; Abbotts Creek (Assn.)—D. P. Broadway; Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg, Watt Priddy, Ed Priddy, Carl Mabe, W. E. Braswell, J. R. Beasley, W. J. Brown and Brethren J. W. Morefield, R. H. Morefield and others; Mountain—Elders C. B. Kilby, J. A. Moxley, Brethern J. M. Rector and others; New River—M. W. Noonkester, C. A. Horton, R. H. White, Elder G. W. Noonkester, Elder George Williams and others; Saints Delight Church (Independent)—Brethren Lee Smith, Henry Williard, Boyles Hester, C. F. Shields and others.

8. All above visitors received and seated. Received rolls of Ministers from Upper Mayo, Bear Creek, Kehukee, Senter, Roaring River, Ketocton, New River, Mountain and Abbotts Creek.

9. Appointed the Moderator and Messengers of Pilot Mountain church a Committee on Preaching.

10. Called for Petitionary Letters.

11. Appointed Moderator to make all other committee appointments.

12. Appointed Ed Jones and Elisha Cox Committee on Finance. J. W. Creed, J. P. Seawter, Y. W. Simmons, with Moderator and Clerk, Committee on Arrangements. J. O. Gibbons, L. G. Tucker, Committee to Distribute Minutes.

13. This Minute read and approved.

14. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Saturday for business, and at 10:00 o'clock for preaching.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

1. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder James W. Creed.

2. Called roll of messengers.

3. The recommendations of the committees were read and accepted.

4. Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and The Constitution were read and ordered attached to these Minutes.

5. Circular letter read and ordered attached to these Minutes.

6. Appointed Elder F. P. Stone to write our next Circular Letter.

7. Ordered amendment to 3rd item in Minutes of special session of February 21, 1934, to read as follows:

Amending 3rd item in Minutes of special session of February 21, 1934, to read, That we amend item six, Friday's proceedings in our 1933 Minutes as follows: That we extend on invitation to the Brethren of the sister associations with whom we formerly corresponded to visit us and preach with us, but will not recognize **disorderly** factions who have withdrawn from their respective associations.

9. Visitors from Upper Mayo, Mountain, New River and Abbotts Creek Associations asked for renewal of correspondence, and complying with their request, appointed correspondents as follows: Mayo—F. P. Stone. J. W. Creed, Joel S. Key, Frank R. Stone, Robert W. Mosley, J. W. Harris; Abbotts Creek—G. T. Jones, F. P. Stone, Frank R. Stone, Joel S. Key, G. J. Key; Mountain—R. H. Riggan, P. H. Snow, G. T. Jones, J. W. Creed, F. P. Stone, G. J. Key; New River—G. W. Harris, R. W. Mosley, George Denny, L. D. Denny.

10. Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Stewarts Creek, Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1936. (One mile west of Mt. Airy, N. C.).

11. Ordered 1000 Minutes printed and distributed as usual.

12. Gave Clerk $15.00 and Moderator $10.00.

13. Called for report of Finance Committee. They reported receipts $52.45. Balance in Clerk's hands, $4.00. Report received and all committees discharged.

14. Voted a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this Association.

15. These Minutes read and approved.
16. Adjourned, to meet at time and place appointed.

F. P. STONE, Moderator
G. J. Key, Clerk.

PREACHING SERVICE

Friday

J. A. Fagg. Text. Ex. 37-3.
Watt Priddy. Clerk failed to get text.
J. A. Moxley. Clerk failed to get text.
W. E. Braswell. No text used.

Saturday (At Church)

D. P. Broadway. No text used.
J. G. Fulks. No text used.
Carl Mabe. Text, First Cor. 1-22.

(At Auditorium)

Geo. Williams. Clerk failed to get text.
G. W. Noonkester. Clerk failed to get text.
C. B. Kilby. Clerk failed to get text.

Sunday (At Church)

Price Vass. Text used, Ephe. 2-8.
D. P. Broadway. Text, Second Cor. 5-1.
F. P. Stone. No text used.

(At Auditorium)

G. W. Noonkester. Clerk failed to get text.
J. W. Creed. Clerk failed to get text.
J. A. Fagg. Clerk failed to get text.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed to write a Circular Letter to be attached to the Minutes of our next Association, I now attempt to comply with the request.

I will refer to the language of the Saviour, saying, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven where moth and rust doth not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal." Believers in His name have experienced this sacred truth often and over again, and where one sorrow is removed so often another takes its place. We feel that this expression covers the ground of the Christian experience and is not confined alone to material things.

We have here no continuing City but seek one to come whose maker and builder is God. We are hoping and trusting that one day we shall see Him as He is and be like Him and be satisfied in the paradise of God.

We feel that it is good for us to meet with one another in peace and love here in the world and to help bear each others burdens, watching over each other for good and not for evil, and as the writer has often expressed, it does not make us forget our sorrows only momentary, but soothes and places us in a frame of mind which makes us able to bear our troubles.

So we are admonished not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but to congregate and engage in the worship of the Lord

This July 7, 1935.

ELDER GEO. DENNY

REFERENCE

With reference to the disturbance in Fish River Association, we feel that we owe it to ourselves as well as others to publish some of the facts.

It has been our policy in the years gone by to turn neither to right or left in the matter of doctrine that has bee agitated by some individuals to the distress of many and possibly to the edification of a few. Having had in our midst ministers who were strong on predestination but was not destroying by its usage to extremes, these we loved and held in highest esteem; and we believe that these brethren who have withdrawn from Fish River Association would today be with us in love, peace and harmony had not others who were willing to destroy used their selfish influence to force upon us this disturbance. For one instance, ministers who had never seen fit to visit us before, came to our Association two years ago and were recognized and granted liberty of speech and promptly informed us that they would not preach with a certain other brethren whom we loved and who had been visiting us many years and preaching in our churches and Associations, and had served some of our churches as pastor, and at that time other ministers of his Association were serving four of our churches, and they were in peace at home and with us.

The disturbance was not of our choice or making,

but was thrust upon us. Our attitude was not, and is not now, hostile toward any Association that was or is being conducted in order; and while we do not agree with some on the extremes as to predestination, we never made it a test of fellowship, but seated and preached visiting Elders who were strong predestinarians.

What we have done is on open book and to those who desire further information out of sincerity and honesty of purpose and love and fellowship one with another as their guide, we invite you to investigate us, unprejudiced.

With reference to our former Elder and brother, J. C. Dunbar, whose membership was at Union Church, must advise that he was excluded and his preaching credentials revoked by regular process at their regular meeting in August, 1934.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after his own will: and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom knowledge and goodness, eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed himself in his word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth—the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe on his name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow he did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son; that God elected according to his foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

CONSTITUTION

I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the Association.

II. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their; number in full fellowship, those

baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last Association. These facts are to be expressed only in the letters to the fall Association.

III. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in the union.

IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

V. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

VI. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

VII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

VIII. Every query presented, by any member in the Association, shall be received and answered according to the scriptures.

IX. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by he who made it.

X. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk appointed by the Association.

XI. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

XII. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when the Association may think proper.

XIII. We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

XIV. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the Association: (5) To appoint any member or members, by all with his or their consent, to transact any business which it sees necessary; (6) To withdraw

from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; (7) To admit any of our distant brethren into the Association, as assistants, who may be present at the time of its sitting if it shall think necessary; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time or place which they may think convenient to the churches in this union.

RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The Moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break an yof these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek Union	T. R. Freeman,	Steeds, N. C.	12
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb,	Wilson, N. C.	24
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones,	Peach land, N. C.	21
Contentnea	Eld. J. E. Newborn,	R. 4, Snow Hill, N.C.	24
Kehukee	Eld. B. S. Cowin,	Williamston, N. C.	34
Kotocton	Eld. C. W. Miller,	Box 86, Rosslyn, Va.	22
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch,	Stern, N. C.	18
Little River	Eld. L. H. Stephens,	Willow Springs, N. C.	25
Mountain	J. M. Rector,	Baywood, Va.	18
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson,	Floyd, Va.	37
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship,	Boone Mill, Va.	25
Roaring River	J. A. Miller,	Laurel Springs, N. C.	14
Salem	J. H. McKaughan,	Kernersville, N.C.	12
Upper Mayo	S. G. Dobyns,	Stuart, Va.	18
Upper Country Line	J. W. Gilliam,	Altamahaw, N. C.	18
White Oak	L. E. Bryant,	Park Hill, N. C.	16
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd,	Dry Fork, Va.	16
Senter	F. T. Miller,	Wagoner, N. C.	16
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Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Ararat	C. W. Key,	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.	40
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer,	King, N. C.	40
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer,	R. 1, East Bend, N. C.	30
Hagans Creek	Mrs. Katie Eads,	R. 1, Siloam, N. C.	20
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington,	R. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.	25
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter,	R. 2, Dobson, N. C.	20
Little Vine	Mrs. Hester Mitchell,	Dobson, N. C.	30
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge,	Elkin, N. C.	21
Mitchells River	J. S. Coleman,	Dobson, N. C.	20
Pilot Mt.	J. H. Sheets,	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	40
Rock House	C. L. Slaughter,	Pinnacle, N. C.	45
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons,	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	35
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley,	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	40
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone,	R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	90
Union	G. J. Key,	Ararat, N. C.	90
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker,	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.	40
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STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Communion Mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min	Licentitates	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat	J.E. Simmons, P.L. Ashburn, L.D. Denny	Aug.	2	1		4				2		42	$3.60
Boyles Chapel	J.P Slawter, W.S. Denny, W.H. Palmer	May	1								1	37	3.00
Deep Creek	J.H. Spencer, M.M. Flynn, R.L. Hall	Sept.	2									24	2.40
Dover	Not Represented												
Hogans Creek	Nannie Key, Victoria Shore, Kate Eads	Sept.	1										.75
Hollingsworth Grove	J.F. Anderson, Cephus Childress, S.L. Arrington	July										22	1.50
Liberty	J.W. Pilson	Aug.	1					1				18	1.00
Little Vine	J.D. Freeman, Emory Freeman, Fannie Freeman	Aug.	2								3	30	2.45
Mulberry	Joel S. Key	Aug.	1		1							25	2.65
Mitchell's River	P.H. Snow, R.H Riggan, Geo. Creed	July	4	1								18	2.00
Pilot Mountain	J.H. Sheets, J W. Simmons, Joe Flippin	Aug.	1							1	1	37	5.00
Rock House	E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter, W. C. King	Aug.		1		1						42	2.00
Stoney Creek	E.F. Simmons, R.F. Joyce, W.C. Hiatt	July	3			1						33	4 50
Stewarts Creek	G.W. Harris, R.W. Mosley, J.E Jones	Aug.	1	2									5.10
Toms Creek	Y.W. Simmons, L.L. Love, Edgar Hunter	Sept.	2	1		2				1		89	7.00
Union	S.J. Badgett, J W. Creed, G.J. Key	July	4	1									5.50
Volunteer	J.F. Sisk, L.G. Tucker, Arthur Booth	June	4								2	28	4 00

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The Church at Stuart's Creek

SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

JULY 10th, 11th and 12th,

1936

Officers

F. P. STONE ..... Moderator
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W. A. PALMER ..... Clerk
R. F. D. No. 1, King, North Carolina

FRANK R. STONE ..... Assistant Clerk
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Union ..... Elders J. W. Creed, F. P. Stone
Volunteer ..... Eld. W. J. Brown

Proceedings

FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder J. W. Creek.

2. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. P. Stone. Text, Isiaah 28:16.

3. After Intermission: Assembled in the house. Song and prayer by Elder J. Watt Tuttle from the Mayo Association.

4. The moderator appointed Elders R. H. Riggins, M. H. Vaden and J. Watt Tuttle to preach at the stand.

5. Letters from the churches were handed in, read, received and the messengers seated.

6. The Association re-elected Elder F. P. Stone as moderator by acclamation.

7. The Association elected W. A. Palmer Clerk and re-elected Frank R. Stone as Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year by acclamation.

8. The Moderator read the obituary of T. R. Sams, it was received and ordered placed in the minutes of our association.

9. Called for correspondents from sister associations with response as follows: Mountain—Elder J. M. Moxley, J. M. Rector and T. A. Fender; New River—J. S. Dickerson, Issac Crusenberry, Elder G. W. Noonkester, J. A. Banks, W. M. Berry and Taylor Easter; Upper Mayo—Elder J. Watt Tuttle, R. L. Jones, Elder W. J. Brown, Elder Edd Priddy, Elder W. E. Braswell, M. H. Vaden, J. E. Hutchens, A. A. Jefferson, Elder J. R. Beasley, Lee Ferguson and Elder J. A. Fagg. Visitors as follows: A. M. Flippin and wife, and W. I. Dalton; Abbot's Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway, C. B. Owens; Saints Delight Church (Independent)—C. L. Shields and wife, visitors. Files of minutes were received from Kehukee, Roaring River, Mountain District, New River, Ketocton and Senter District Associations.

10. Moved, seconded and unanimously carried that all correspondents, visitors and files of minutes for correspondence be received and the correspondents and visitors seated in the association.

11. Call for petitionary letters. None presented.

12. Appointed the Moderator to make all other committee appointments.

13. The Moderator of the association appointed the

Moderator and messengers of Stuart's Creek to serve on the committee of arrangements of preaching.

14. The Moderator of the association appointed Elders Geo. Denny, G. W. Harris and J. W. Creed to act with the Moderator and Clerks in the Committee on Arrangements.

15. Appointed J. M. Hunter, Jacob Bedgett to Committee on Finance.

16. Appointed J. S. Jones and C. L. Slawter to Committee on Distribution of Minutes.

17. The minutes of the days proceedings were read by the Clerk and received.

18. Association in order for adjournment. Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning for business session and at 10:00 o'clock for preaching.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS:

1. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg.

2. Letter from Mulberry was read, received and messengers seated.

3. Call roll of messengers.

4. Call for report of the committee on arrangements. Was read and received and committee discharged.

5. Call for circular letter. None prepared.

6. Appointed Elder F. P. Stone to write our next circular letter.

7. Agreed that the next session of this association be held with the church at Mitchel's River, Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1937.

8. According to our information concerning the deed to Little Vine Church, the property is made to the Fisher's River Association and is now in the possession of one, Richard Gillespie, and we being in session request him to deliver same to the officers of the associaton.

9. Ordered 1,000 minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

10. Agreed to give the Moderator and Clerks the usual amount—Clerk $15.00; Moderator $10.00.

11. We recommend that the articles of faith, constitution and rules of decorum be printed in the minutes of this association now in session.

12. Called for the report of the Brethren to the Sister Associations. They were received and Brethren dismissed.

13. Appointed correspondents as follows: Upper Mayo,

Elders F. P. Stone, Geo. Denny, Brethren Frank R. Stone, G. T. Jones, L. G. Tucker and W. A. Palmer; Abbots Creek, Elders J. G. Fulk, F. P. Stone and W. G. Harris; Mountain, Elders Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, Brethren G. T. Jones, S. L. Arrington; New River, Elders Geo. Denny, J. G. Fulk, G. W. Harris.

14. Called for report of finance committee. They reported:

Received from the Churches		$51.85
Supplemented by Brethren		5.30
Total		$57.15
Give Moderator	$10.00	
Give Clerk	15.00	
Printing and Postage	30.00	
Total	$55.00	$55.00
Balance in Clerk's Hands		$ 2.15

Report received and committee discharged.

15. A resolution of thanks was extended to Brother G. J. Key for his service as clerk of this association and extended our heart felt sympathy for him in his bereaved condition.

16. This minute read and approved.

17. Offered a resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters and friends for coming to this association.

18. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

ELDER F. P. STONE, Moderator
W. A. PALMER, Clerk
FRANK R. STONE, Assistant Clerk.

Order of Preaching

FRIDAY

R. H. Riggins; Clerk failed to get text.
M. H. Vaden; Clerk failed to get text.
J. Watt Tuttle; Clerk failed to get text.

SATURDAY

G. W. Noonkaster; Clerk failed to get text.
Isac Crusenberry; Clerk failed to get text.
J. A. Moxley; Clerk failed to get text.
Edd. Priddy; Matt. 16-13.
W. J. Brown; Isiaah 62-1.
J. A. Fagg; 2 Timothy 1-9.

Geo. Denny; Clerk failed to get text.

SUNDAY

Song and Prayer by R. P. Vass, followed by Monroe McGradey from New River; Text St. John 1-1.

J. R. Beasley; No special text.

D. P. Broadway; "Jonah I'll Pay That I Have Vowed."

J. W. Creed; Clerk failed to get text.

J. A. Fagg; "I Charge Thee Before God."

Circular Letter

Brethren are we guilty of hunting for motes in our brother's eye and trying to hide the beam in our own? If so, is God the author of this or is it the fruits of Sin? Satan is well pleased in his efforts to deceive the children of men in matters of religion, and I am sure that he never was more successful in this than at the present day. Satan is not insensible to the fact that men in this age are more in love with what the world calls religion than at any other age in the world. Hence he is determined to suit their taste and to accommodate them in every way possible; even to come in disguise and appear as an angel of light and thus he succeeds in deceiving them that dwell upon the earth by his miracles which he does in the sight of men. Let us consider the expense and even suffering in order to establish false religion under the impression that they are right. What can be the cause of all this but the fruit of sin. But now let us take a view of the dear old church of God; can we find the fruits of sin in her? Yes. What disputes wrangling discord and strife we find in the household of faith. Oh, what seeking for supremacy and desire for popularity among our dear people. Paul saw something of this in the church at Corinth and yet he called them brethren, you, his beloved sons in the Gospel whom he had begotten through the Gospel yet he found among them annoying strift and division and Paul declared there was a fault among them. Now I beseech you bretheren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no division among you but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do his own good pleasure,

not to please the carnal mind but this is the work of the Spirit.

This July 10, 1936.

ELDER F. P. STONE, Moderator.

Obituary

Bro. Thomas R. Sams departed this life Feb. 22, 1936. He was born Aug. 6th, 1846. He joined the church at Volunteer 1888 and was chosen deacon of the church and served a number of years. He was a faithful member, sound in the Primitive Baptist doctrine and always filled his seat in the church up until a short time before his death. He moved his membership to Rock House by letter on Oct. 9th, 1920. He will be greatly missed by the churches, neighbors and friends and all that knew him.

Articles Of Faith

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in only one true and living God, who rules all things after his own will: and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness, eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed himself in his word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth—the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe on his name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow he did also

predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son; that God elected according to his foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

Constitution

I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the Association.

II. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last Association. These facts are to be

expressed only in the letters to the fall Association.

III. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in the union.

IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

V. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

VI. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

VII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

VIII. Every query presented, by any member in the Association, shall be received and answered according to the scriptures.

IX. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by he who made it.

X. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk appointed by the Association.

XI. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

XII. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when the Association may think proper.

XIII. We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

XIV. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the Association; (5) To appoint any member or members, by all with his or their consent, to transact any business which it sees necessary; (6) To withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; (7) To admit any of our distant

brethren into the Association, as assistants, who may be present at the time of its sitting if it shall think necessary; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time or place which they may think convenient to the churches in this union.

Rules Of Decorum

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The Moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appelation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek Union	T. R. Freeman,	Steeds, N. C.	12
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb,	Wilson, N. C.	24
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones,	Peachland, N. C.	21
Contentnea	Eld. J. E. Newborn, R. 4,	Snow Hill, N. C.	24
Kehukee	Eld. B. S. Cowin,	Williamston, N. C.	34
Kotocton	Eld. C. W. Miller, Box 86,	Rossiyn, Va.	22
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch,	Stern, N. C.	18
Little River	Eld. L. H Stephens,	Willow Springs, N C.	25
Mountain	J. M. Rector,	Baywood, Va.	18
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson,	Floyd, Va.	37
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship,	Boone Mill, Va.	25
Roaring River	J. A. Miller,	Laurel Springs, N. C.	11
Salem	J. H. McKaughan,	Kernersville, N. C.	12
Upper Mayo	S. G. Dobyns,	Stuart, Va.	18
Upper Country Line	J. W. Gilliam,	Altamahaw, N. C.	18
White Oak	L. E. Bryant,	Park Hill, N. C.	16
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd,	Dry Fork, Va.	16
Senter	F. T. Miller,	Wagoner, N. C.	16
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Ararat	Geo. Denny,	Pilot Mtn., N. C.	40
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer,	King, N. C.	40
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer, R 1,	East Bend, N. C.	30
Hogans Creek	Mrs. Katie Eads, R 1,	Siloam, N. C.	20
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington,	Pinnacle, N. C.	25
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter, R 2,	Dobson, N. C.	20
Little Vine	Mrs. Hester Mitchell,	Dobson, N. C.	30
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge,	Elkin, N. C.	21
Mitchells River	G. W. Creed, R. 6,	Mt. Airy, N. C.	20
Pilot Mt.	J. H. Sheets,	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	40
Rock House	C. L. Slaughter,	Pinnacle, N. C.	45
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, R 1,	Mt. Airy, N. C.	35
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley, R. 3,	Mt Airy, N. C.	40
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone, R 1,	Francisco, N. C.	90
Union	G. J. Key,	Ararat, N. C.	90
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker, R. 2,	Pinnacle, N. C.	40
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Communion Mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min	Licentiates	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat	Geo. Denny, W. F. Rogers, J. E. Simmons	Aug.	2	1		2					2	43	$2.00
Boyles Chapel	J. P. Slawter, W. A. Palmer, C. C. Boyles	May	1			5					1	41	4.00
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, M. M. Flynn, E. D. Matthews	Sept.	2			2					1	25	3.00
Dover	Not Represented												
Hagans Creek	Nannie Key, Victoria Shores, Katie Eads	Sept.	1								1	20	1.00
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson, S. L. Arrington, Emma J. Mills	June	3									20	2.00
Liberty	R S. Poindexter, Charles Parker, J. W. Pilson	Sept.	1									18	
Little Vine	Emerry Freeman, Joe Freeman, Hester Mitchell	Aug.	2				1				1	24	2.00
Mulberry	Betty Southern, O. B. Key	Aug.	1		1	1					2	25	2.65
Mitchell's River	Nelson Stewart, J. F. Coleman, P. H. Snow	July	4	1								18	2.10
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, Jonah Simmons, Jesse Collins	Aug.	1								1	36	3.00
Rock House	C. L Slawter, E. E. Cox, R. R. Roberts	Aug.	2	1		4					1	45	2.00
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, S. G. Joyce, J. M. Hunter	July	3			1					3	31	4.75
Stewarts Creek	G. W. Harris, R. W. Mosley, J. E. Jones	Sept.	1	2		2						38	5.50
Toms Creek	Tine Arrington, Y. W. Simmons, Lawrence Love	Sept.	2	1								88	7.50
Union	S. J. Badgett, S. J. Jones, A. A. Taylor	July	4	1		1					1	80	6.00
Volunteer	A. J. Booth, J. F. Sisk, L. G. Tucker	June	4			2	1			1		38	3.00

MINUTES
OF THE
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Held With
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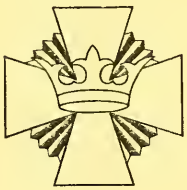
SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

JULY 9th, 10th and 11th, 1937



OFFICERS

F. P. STONE - - - Moderator
R. F. D. No. 2, Dobson, North Carolina

W. A. PALMER - - Clerk
R. F. D. No. 1, King, North Carolina

FRANK R. STONE - - Assistant Clerk
R. F. D. No. 1, Francisco, North Corolina

Names and Address of Elders

F. P. Stone.....R. 2, Dobson, N. C.
Jas. W. Creed.....R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
Geo. Denny .....Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. W. Harris.....R. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle.....Mayodan, N. C.
R. H. Riggin..... .....Dobson, N. C.
J. G. Fulks.....R. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Licentiates

J. S. Key..... ....R. 3, Sanford, N. C.

Churches and Moderators

Ararat..... Eld. Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel..... Eldrs. S. H. Reid, W. J. Brown
Deep Creek.....Eld. S. H. Reed
Hagans Creek .....Eld. F. P. Stone
Hollingsworth Grove..... ... Eld. G. W. Harris
Liberty..... ....Eld. J. W. Creed
Little Vine..... Eldrs. R. H. Riggin, J. G. Fulks
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Stony Creek..Elds. J.W. Creed, J.G. Fulk, F.P.Stone
Stewarts Creek.....Eldrs. G. W. Harris, J. G. Fulks
Toms Creek..... Eldrs. F. P. Stone, G. W. Harris
Union..... .Elders J. W. Creed, F. P. Stone
Volunteer..... ..... Eld. W. J. Brown

PROCEEDINGS - Friday

1. Service introduced with Song and Prayer by Elder W. J. Brown, from Upper Mayo.
2. Introduction Sermon preached by Elder C. R. Dancy, of St. Clairs Bottom. Text: Psalms: 25-14.
3. After Intermission, assembly in the house. Song and Prayer by Elder Edd Priddy, from the Upper Mayo Association.
4. The Moderator appointed Elder Isaac Qusenberry, J. R. Cruse & J. Watt Tuttle to preach at the stand.
5. Letters from the churches were handed out and messengers were seated.
6. By acclamation the association re-elected Elder F. P. Stone as Moderator; W. A. Palmer, Clerk; and Frank R. Stone, Ass't Clerk, for the ensuing year.
7. Call for Petitionary Letters.
8. Call for correspondents from sister associations with response as follows: Upper Mayo—Elders J. A. Fogg, J. W. Brown S.W.Tuttle, Edd Priddy, Brother J. R. Beasely, andvisitors F.R. Moore and Rollan Smith. Mountain—Elders C.B.Kilby and T.A. Finder. New River—Elders J. R. Cruse, G. G. Williams and Isaac Qusenberry. Abbotts Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway, Brother C. R. Owen and Sister Owen. St. Clairs Bottom—Elder C. R. Dancy.
9. Moved, seconded and unanimously carried that all correspondents, visitors and files of minutes for correspondence be received, and the correspondents and visitors seated.
10. Appointed Moderator to make all other committee appointments.
11. The Moderator appointed Brother J. W. Pilson and Robert Mosely to act with the Moderator and messengers of this church as a committee on preaching.
12. Brother C. L. Slawter, J. W. Creed & G. J. Key were appointed to act with the Moderator and Clerk as a committee on arrangements.
13. Brothers S. R. Glispie & E. E. Cox, appointed committee on Finance.
14. Brothers J. H. Sheets & Y. W. Simmons appointed as committee on distribution of minutes.
15. The minutes of the day's proceedings were read by the clerk and received.
16. The Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock, Saturday morning, for business session, and 10 o'clock for preaching.

PROCEEDINGS - Saturday

1. The Associaton opened with song and prayer by Elder C. B. Kilby, from the Mountain Association.

2. Letter from Mulberry read, received and messengers seated.

3. Roll call of messengers.

4. Call for report of the committe on arrangements. The report was read, and committee discharged.

5. Call for circular letter. The letter was read, received and ordered attached to the minutes.

6. Appointment made for Elder F. P. Stone to write the next circular letter.

7. Agreed that as usual 1,000 Minutes be printed and distributed among churches and sister associations.

8. Agreed that the next session of the Association be held with the Mulberry Church on Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1938. (This church is located about half way between Dobson and Elkin near a top soil road, three miles south of Zephry and ten miles north of Elkin.)

9. The obituary of Deacon J. L. Tilly was read, received and ordered published in the Minutes.

10. Agreed to give the moderator and clerk the usual amount: Clerk $15, Moderator $10.

11. Ordered that the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed in the minutes of the Association.

12. Call and report of the Finance Committe as follows:

Received from the churches	$53.25
Balance in Clerk's hands	$2.15
Total	55.40
Printing and postage	$29.00
Moderator	10.00
Clerk	15 00
Total Expense	54.00
Balance in Clerk's hands	1.40

Report received and Committee discharged.

13. Call for report of the correspondents to the sister associations. Report received and brethren dismissed.

14. Correspondents appointed as follows; Upper Mayo—Elders G. W. Harris and F. P. Stone, Brother Frank R. Stone, Deacon J. E. Jones and Brother C. L. Slawter. Abbotts Creek—Elders J. G. Fulk and F. P. Stone. Mountain—Elder F. P. Stone, Geo. Denny, Brother P. H. Snow and G. T. Jones. New River—Elder F. P. Stone, G.T. Jones, Elder G.W. Harris. Saint Clairs Bottom—Elder J. G. Fulk and G. T. Jones.

15. A resolution of thanks offered to brethren, sisters and friends for taking care of the Association.

16. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

17. Minutes read and approved.
18. Meeting closed with prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg.

Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator
W. A. Palmer, Clerk
Frank R. Stone, Ass't. Clerk.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To the brethren and sisters composing this the 105th Annual Session of The Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association and to those with whom we are in correspondence. Realizing the fact that we the Primitive Baptist as a whole are one people and and are bound together only by the cords of love, heirs of one kingdom and joint heirs of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I will address you in the language of John 14: 1-2. "Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.." In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and said: "Heaven's my throne and the earth is my foot stool." The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Solomon said: "He brought me into His banqueting house and his banner over me was love." And when Jacob awoke out of sleep he said: "How dreadful is this place, this is none other but the house of God and this is the gate of heaven." This is the house that Christ spoke of when he said: "In my Father's house there are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you " He went down into death for his bride, the church. And all of the redeemed of the Lord belong to the church of God. "In my Father's house are many mansions". A mansion is a stately house. So our houses of worship are considered by the children of God to be the house of God and our organization to be the church of the Living God. A house for the wayworn pilgrim while he remains in this world. We believe that He ordained that the children of Israel should be and remain a separate people. They were forbidden to take unto themselves strange wives. Christ chose but one bride, the church, and all of his sympathies and affections were with her. Now under the reign of Grace we have no scriptural right to join ourselves to nor mingle with other organizations, for our churches (mansions) are established in the house of God. The spiritual kingdom a garden enclosed is my spouse. Christ found his bride in his Father's house. How fair is thy love my sister, my spouse. How much better is thy love than wine. The Spirit (God) and the bride (the Church) say come aud let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely. But the Spirit of God must be applied in our hearts, to awaken the dead faculties of our minds before we ever have that desire or will to leave the pleasures of this world or to thirst for that living water that proceeds from the throne of God.

Elder F. P. Stone.

OBITUARY

Deacon J. Lon Tilley was born in Stokes county, N. C., Nov. 24th, 1869. He died Oct. 23rd, 1936, at the age of 66 years, 11 months and 1 day. He was married to Miss Nonnie Simmons, of Stokes county, in the fall of 1887. To this union were born nine children: John A., J. R., E. L. Tilley, and Mesdames Katy Gwyn, Pearl Simmons, Frona Patterson and Phoebe Cook; a pair of twins died in infancy.

Brother Tilley and his wife joined the church at Piney Grove

in Stokes County in the year in 1893. When the church was organized at Stony Creek in Surry county, April 17, 1909, they come as charter members and were ordained deacon and deaconess on the same date. They filled this office faithfully until the end. Sister Tilley preceeded her husband in death about one year.

Brother Tilley was a good citizen, a hard worker, and provided well for his family. His home was a home to his brethren and his friends, and many times we have enjoyed the hospitality of this good place. The community has lost a fine citizen, the children a good father and counselor; the church an excellent deacon and member. But we feel that he has entered into the joys of the Lord, and would say to his loved ones: Do not weep, he has only gone on before and may we who loved him be prepared to meet him in that city which hath foundation, whose maker and builder is God.

His pastor, F. P. STONE

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday

Elder Isaac Qusenberry;	clerk failed to get text
Elder J. R. Cruse;	clerk failed to get text
Elder J. W. Tuttle;	Heb: 3-7

Saturday

Elder J. R. Beasley;	clerk failed to get text
Elder Edd Priddy;	clerk failed to get text
Elder W. J. Brown	Isaiah 22:23
Elder G. W. Noonkaster:	clerk failed to get text
Elder G. S. Williams;	Second Peter, first verse
Elder C. B. Kilby;	Salvation came to all Men
Elder Geo. Denny;	Psalms: 37-12

Sunday

Elder R. H. Riggins;	song and prayer
Brother Jasper V Foster	Corinthians 2-2
Elder J. G. Fulk;	Isaiah 26-21
Elder J. A. Fogg;	Who were Dead
Elder D. P. Broadway;	Romans 11:6
Elder C. R. Dancy:	Luke 12:32
Elder F. P. Stone;	no special text

CONSTITUTION

1 The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members best qualified for that

purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the Asso.

2 In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last Association. These facts are to be expressed only in the letters to the fall Association.

3 The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in the union.

4 The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5 The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6 New churches may be admitted into this Association who shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7 Eevry church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8 Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be received and answered according to the scriptures.

9 Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by he who made it.

10 There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk appointed by the Association.

11 The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

12 Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when the Association may think proper.

13 We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

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ches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, (4th) to inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the Association, (5th) to appoint any member or members, by all with his or their consent to transact any business which it sees necessary, (6th) to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion, (7th) to admit any of our distant brethren into the Association, as assistants, who may be present at the time of its sitting if it shall think necessary, (8th) to adjourn themselves to any future time or place which they may think convenient to the churches in this union.

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We believe that (all) whom God did fore know he did also predestinate to conform to the image of his Son; that God elected accord-

ing to his foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

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Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek Union	T. R. Freeman	Steeds, N. C.	20
Kehukee	Eld. B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C.,	40
Kotocton	Eld. C. W. Miller	Box 86, Rossryn, Va.	30
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	20
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	50
Roaring River	J. A. Miller	Laurel Springs, N. C.	20
Upper Mayo	S. G. Dobyns	Stuart, Va.	20
Senter	F. T. Miller	Wagoner, N. C.	20
Saint Clairs Bottom	Eld. C. R. Dancy	Merrion, Va.	20
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Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Ararat	Geo. Denny	Pilot Mountain	50
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer	King	50
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer	R. 1, East Bend	40
Hogans Creek	Mrs. Katie Eads	R. 1, Siloam	30
Hollingsworth Grove	Emma J. Mills	Brim. Va.	30
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	R. 2, Dobson	30
Little Vine	Mrs. Hester Mitchell	Dobson	35
Mulberry	O. B. Key	Elkin	30
Mitchells River	Nelson Stewart	Mt. Park	30
Pilot Mt.	J. H. Sheets	Pilot Mountain	50
Rock House	C. L. Slaughter	Pinnacle	55
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 1, Mt. Airy	45
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 3, Mt. Airy	50
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone	R. 1, Francisco	90
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat	90
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker	R. 2, Pinnacle	50
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Communion Mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat	J. E. Simmons, Geo. Denny, Walter Rogers	Aug.	2	1		1			2			42	$2.65
Boyes Chapel	W. R. Morefield, W. A. Palmer, C. R. Hall	May	1			1					1	42	4.50
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, G. K. Murphy, M. M. Flynn	Sept.	2								3	20	3.75
Hagans Creek	Nannie Key	Sept.	1									20	.60
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson, Cephus Chidress, Emma J. Mills	July	3							1		21	2.00
Liberty	J. W. Pilson	Sept.	1									18	
Little Vine	J. D. Freeman, S. R. Gilispie, Hester Mitchell	Aug.	2			5		5			2	32	2.00
Mulberry	J. M. Elridge, O. B. Key, Lucy Williams	Aug.			1						1	21	3.00
Mitchell's River	Nelson Stewart, P. H. Snow, R. H. Riggins	July	4	1		1	4			1	2	20	2.00
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, S. J. Fry, Jessie Collins	Aug.	1								1	35	4.00
Rock House	E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter, W. R. Corns	Aug.	2	1		3					1	44	2.50
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, W. C. Hiatt, R. F. Joyce	July	3			4				5	3	28	5.75
Stewarts Creek	G. W. Harris, J. G. Fulk, J. E. Jones	Sept.	1	2							2	36	5.00
Toms Creek	Y. W. Simmons, Frank R. Stone, Edgar Hunter	Sept.	2	1							3	86	5.00
Union	G. J. Key, S. J. Badgett, G. T. Jones	July	4	1								80	6.35
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker, A. J. Booth, J. F. Sisk	June	4				2		1			31	3.15

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MINUTES

OF THE

106th Annual Session

OF THE

Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church Of Mulberry

SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY,

JULY 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, 1938

Officers:

F. P. STONE, Moderator, Dobson Route 2, N. C.

G. J. KEY, Clerk, Ararat, N. C.

FRANK R. STONE, Asst. Clerk, Francisco R. 1, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF ELDERS

James W. Creed,.....Ararat Route 1, N. C.
Geo. Denny,.....Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. G. Fulk,.....Mount Airy Route 4, N. C.
J. W. Harris,.....Mt. Airy Route 5, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle, ...Mayodan, N. C.
R. H. Riggan,.....Dobson, N. C.
F. P. Stone,..... ....Dobson Route 2, N. C.
Dona Wood,.....Mount Airy Route 6, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. S. Key,.....Sanford Route 3, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat.....Geo. Denny, J. W. Creed
Boyles Chapel,..... S. H. Reid, J. R. World
Deep Creek,.....S. H. Reid
Hogan's Creek,.....F. P. Stone
Hollingsworth Grove.....G. W. Harris
Liberty,.....Jas. W. Creed
Little Vine,.....R. H. Riggan, J. G. Fulk
Mulberry,..... F. P. Stone
Mitchell's River,..... R. H. Riggan, Dona Wood
Pilot Mountain,..... Geo. Denny
Rock House,.....W. J. Brown
Stony Creek,.....F. P. Stone, J. G. Fulk, Jas. W. Creed
Stewart's Creek,.....G. W. Harris, J. G. Fulk
Tom's Creek,.....F. P. Stone, G. W. Harris
Union,.....Jas. W. Creed, F. P. Stone
Volunteer,.....W. J. Brown

PROCEEDINGS FRIDAY

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder G. W. Harris of Fish River Association, and introductory sermon preached by Elder J. A. Fagg of Upper Mayo Association. Text 1st John 1st and 3rd.

2nd. After intermission assembled in the house and after song and prayer by Elder R. H. Riggins the Moderator appointed Elders C. L. Roberts of Mountain Association, J. Watt Tuttle and W. E. Braswell of Upper Mayo Association to preach at the stand.

3rd. Letters from the churches were handed in, read, received and messengers seated.

4th. Elected by private ballot, Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator and G. J. Key, Clerk for one year.

5th. Elected Frank R. Stone, assistant clerk.

6th. Passed a resolution of thanks to brother W. A. Palmer for faithful service rendered as clerk.

7th. Passed a resolution of thanks to Elder F. P. Stone for long and faithful service.

8th. Called for correspondents from Sister Associations with response as follows, viz: Abbott's Creek, Elder D. P. Brodway, Brother C. R. Owen and Sister Owen, Upper Mayo; Elders J. A. Fagg, W. J. Brown, J. R. Worrell and Deacon J. E. Hutchens, correspondents and Elders J. Watt Tuttle, Carl Mabe, W. E. Braswell and others, visitors.

Mountain. Elder C. L. Roberts, R. F. Edwards and J. M. Rector, correspondents; J. M. Wagoner and others, visitors.

New River. Elders G. S. Williams, John R. Cruise, correspondents, and M. W. Noonkester, visitor.

St. Clair's Bottom. Elders C. N. Tilson, visitor.

9th. All correspondents and visitors seated and files of minutes accepted.

10th. Called for petitionary letters.

11th. Appointed committees as follows, viz: To distribute minutes, O. B. Key and L. L. Lowe; on finance, S. R. Gillispie and W. A. Palmer; on arrangements, Elders J. W. Creed, Geo. Denny, G. W. Harris, with Clerk and Moderator.

On preaching, Elders J. W. Creed, G. W. Harris and C. L. Slawter, J. E. Jones and messengers of Mulberry church.

12th. The Minutes for the day's proceedings read and received.

13th. Association adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning for business session and at 10 o'clock for preaching.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

1st. The Association opened by song and prayer by Elder J. R. Cruise of New River Association.

2nd. Called roll of messengers.

3rd. Called for report of Committee on arrangements. This report read and committee discharged.

4th. Called for reading Circular Letter. The letter was read, and ordered attached to this Minute.

5th. Appointed Elder Geo. Denny to write our next Circular Letter.

6th. Appointed W. A. Palmer to write an obituary for Deacon J. P. Slawter.

7th. Agreed to have 1,000 Minutes printed and distributed as usual among churches and sister associations.

8th. Agreed to hold the next session of the association with the church at Union, ten miles south of Mount Airy, on White Plains-Siloam road, on Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1939.

9th. Agreed to give the Moderator $10.00 and the Clerk $15.00.

10th. Called for reports of correspondents appointed to sister associations. Reports received and correspondents dismissed.

11th. Correspondents appointed as follows: Upper Mayo, Frank R. Stone, G. T. Jones and Elders Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, G. W. Harris.

Abbott's Creek.—G. T. Jones, J. S. Key, Elders G. W. Harris, Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone.

Mountain.—G. J. Key, Frank R. Stone, J. E. Jones, T. M. Simpson, S.J. Badgett, Elders F. P. Stone, James W. Creed.

New River.—G. J. Key, Elders F. P. Stone, J. G. Fulk.

St. Clair's Bottom. (No appointments taken.)

12th. Ordered Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum printed in this minute.

13th. Called for report of finance committee. They reported received from churches $54.15 and balance in clerk's hands $1.40.

14th. Passed a resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters and Friends for caring for this association.

15th. This Minute read and approved.

16th. Session closed by song and prayer by Elder J. W. Creed.

17th. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

F. P. STONE, Moderator.
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Saturday

Elder J. R. Worrel—St. John, 6-25.
Elder W. E. Braswell—Mat. 11-25 and Luke 10-25.
Elder Carl Mabe—Peter, 2nd chapter, 1st verse.
Geo. Noonkester; No text used.
W. J. Brown; Clerk failed to get text.

Sunday

Elder Geo. Denny; Song and prayer.
———J. M. Edwards—Acts. 8-26.
Elder Ed Douglas—Romans, 16-17.
Elder John R. Cruise—Rev., 22-1.
Elder C. N. Tilson—Matt. 1-21.
Elder J. M. Edwards; No text used.
Elder D. P. Broadway—Isah., 55-10 and 11.
Elder J. G. Fulk—Isah., 40-1.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren of the Fisher River Association:

As I was appointed again to write a circular letter to be attached to our minutes if approved by the body, I wish to call your attention to our beloved Zion, the city of our God, that house that God has built and not man, which is set on a hill and cannot be hid, and of every true member is one of the body, and every one members one of another. God has set the members every one of them in the the body as it pleased Him, so they are not strangers, and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God. But, dear brethren while we view ourselves thus and hope and believe it is true, let us not be unmindful of the wonderful station we thus occupy, and where we were when dead in trespasses and sin under the thunders of a violated law, ten thousand talents in debt. But for as much we had not to pay, surely we have great reason to be thankful to the source from whence such wonderful blessings have come, such as making us one of that favored number and bringing us into the fold of God. But God so loved the world he gave His only begotten son that whosover believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life, so he suffered in our stead and paid our entire debt. That atonement was made for all that the father gave the son. So it is all of grace to us that we receive eternal life, and each one is an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ; and each one an heir to that inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled that fadeth not away reserved in Heaven for you. So beloved brethren although the Primitive Baptists often feel so little, they are the salt of the earth: though surrounded by enemies they are like the Zion of God used to when the Lord said my beloved is to me like a speckled bird.

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Then let us stand as the chosen of God and strictly adhere to the admonitions of the word of God and be a separate people, for what fellowship has light with darkness or the temple of God with Belial?

F. P. STONE.

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V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

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Hogans Creek	Mrs. Katie Eades, Siloam, Route 1, N. C.	30
Hollingsworth Grove	Mrs. Emma J. Mills, Brim, Va.	30
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Dobson Route 2, N. C.	30
Little Vine	Mrs. Hester Mitchell, Dobson, N. C.	35
Mullberry	Oscar Key, Elkin R. F. D.,	33
Mitchell's River	Nelson Stewart, Mtn Park, N. C.	40
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mtn., N. C.	50
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Union	G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.	90
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker, Pinnacle, N. C.	50
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Abbott's Creek	T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	20
Ebenezer	Elder J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va., Route 3	16
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	34
Ketocton	Elder C. W. Miller, Box 86, Rosslyn Station, Va.,	25
Mountain	J. M. Rector, Galax, Va., R. 1	20
New River	Elder J. M. Dickerson, Floyd, Va.	40
Roaring River	J. H. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.	10
Senter	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.	15
Saint Clair's Bottom	Elder C. R. Dancy, Marion, Va.	20
Upper Mayo	W. E. Braswell, Lawsonville, N. C.	20
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Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny, Otis Rogers J. E. Simmons	2	Aug.	1		1				1	1	41	$2.80
Boyles Chapel	W. A Palmer, W. S. Denny	1	May						1		2	38	$4.00
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, D. E. Matthews, M. M. Flynn	2	Sept.					1			1	20	$2.50
Hogans Creek	Katie Eads, Nannie Key	1							2		1	17	$1.00
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson, Cephus Childress, J. Watson	3	July									21	$1.50
Liberty	J. W. Pilson	1	Sept.						1			17	$1.00
Little Vine	J. D. Freeman, S. R. Gillispie, Dillard White	2	Aug.				1	2				35	$2.20
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge, O. B. Key, J. S. Key	1	Aug.		1							21	$2.60
Mitchell's River	N. Stewart, Dora Wood, Eld. R. H. Riggans	4	July	2		1	1					22	$2.25
Pilot Mountain	Sam Frye, Jesse Collins, Jonas Simmons	1	Aug.								1	32	$4.25
Rock House	E. E. Cox, Raymond Corns, C. L. Slawter	2	Aug.	1		4				1	1	48	$2.75
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. F. Joyce	3	July									28	$5.25
Stewart's Creek	Elder G. W. Harris, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	1	Sept.	2		2						36	$5.00
Toms Creek	Y. W. Simmons, Frank P. Stone, L. L. Love.	2	June	1							3	83	$7.75
Union	G. J. Key, T. M. Simpson, S. J. Badgett	4	July	1							4	75	$6.36
Volunteer	A. J. Booth, W. L. Fulk	4	June			4	1					36	$3.00

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R. F. D. No. 2, Dobson, North Carolina

G. J. KEY . . . . Clerk
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FRANK R. STONE . Assistant Clerk
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PROCEEDINGS
FRIDAY

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. George Denny. An introductory sermon was preached by Elder F P. Stone, Moderator of this Association. Text: 2nd. Chapter. 8th. verse Ephesions.

2. After intermission, assembled in the house and after Song and prayer by Elder J. Watt Tuttle, the Moderator appointed Elders Millard Vaden, Geo. Noonkester and Robert Rogers all of Upper Mayo Association, to preach at the Stand.

3. Letters from the different churches handed in read. received and Messenger Seated.

4. Elected by unanimous vote, F.P. Stone Moderator, G.J Key Clerk and Frank R. Stone Assistant Clerk for another year

5. Called for correspondents and visitors from Sister associations, with response as follows: All correspondents and visitors seated, Abbotts Creek—C. B. Owens and wife, visitors, Ebenezer; Minutes; Kehukee, Minutes; Ketocton, Minutes; Mountain—C.L. Roberts, J. A. Moxley, J.M. Rector, Deacon J. M. ley Shields, visitor; New River— J. T. Spence, M. W. Noonkester, H. Wagoner and wife, correspondent; Saints Delight Church—Char- F. Branscome, Geo. Noonkester, Joe Banks; D.F. Marshall visitor; Roaring River—File of Minutes, Easter Corolina corresponding, S. B. Denny, visitor; Senter—Minutes, Eld. W. W. Dovis, visitor and file of minutes; St. Clairs Bottom—File of minutes; Upper Mayo—Eld. J. A. Fagg, Eld. J. Watt Tuttle, Eld. Carl Mabe, Deacon J. E. Hutchers, Eld. J. W. Brown, Eld. J. R. Worrell, cor, Deacon W. I. Fagg, Eld. Robert Rogers, Eld. Millard Wade, Eld. Jim Beasley, visitor, and file of minutes.

6. Called for Petitionary Letters, there were none.

7. Appointed the Moderator to appoint all committees.

8. Appointed L. G. Tucker and J. M. Hunter to serve with the committee of Union Church as a committee on preaching. E. F. Simmons and J. E. Jones, committee distributing corresponding minutes. J. E Simmons and Otis Rogers, committee on finance J. W. Pilson, Eld. Geo. Denny and Eld. G. W. Harris to serve with Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements

9. The Minutes read and approved.

10. Adjournment to meet at 9:30 for Association work and 10:00 o'clock for preaching

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

1. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder J. T. Spence of New River Association.

2. Called roll of Messengers.

3.Called for report of Committee on arrangements, their report read and committee discharged.

.4 Called for reading of Circular Letter, Letter read and ordered attached to this minute.

5. Appointed F. P. Stone to write our next Circular Letter.

6. Called for reading of Obituary of Deacon J. P. Slawter, which was read and ordered attached to this minute.

.7. Called for reports of correspondents appointed to sister Associations; reports received and correspondents dismissed.

8. Agreed to open up correspondents with Senter Association by Messenger.

9. Correspondents appointed to visit sister Associations as follows: Upper Mayo, Elders George Denny, F. P. Stone and brethern R. D. Marshall and Frank R. Stone; Abbotts Creek, Elders G. W. Harris, Geo. Denny and brethren J. S. Key and G. T. Jones; Mountain, Elders J. W. Creed, Geo. Denny and brethren G. F. Riddle and G. J. Key; New River, Elders J. W. Creed and J. G. Fulk and brethren G. F. Riddle, T. M. Simpson and G. J. Key; St. Clairs Bottom, no appointments taken; Senter, Eld. F. P. Stone.

10. Agreed to hold the next session of the Association with the church at Little Vine, two miles west of Dobson, N. C., Friday, Saturday and Second Sunda yin July, 1940.

11. Agreed to have 1000 minutes printed and distributed among churches and sister Associations.

12. Agreed to give the Moderator $10.00 and Clerk $15.00.

13. Ordered Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum printed in this minute.

14. Called for report of Finance Committee, they reported received from churches $58.00. Balance in Clerk's hands $0.15. For printing Minutes $25.00; Gave Moderator $10.00; Gave Clerk $15.00; Gave balance to visiting Elders $8.15; Total $58.15.

15. Passed a resolution of thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this Asociation.

16. This Minute read and approved.

17. Session closed b prayer by Eld. S. B. Denny.

18. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

F. P. STONE, Moderator, Dobson, N. C., R. 2
G. J. KEY, Clerk, Ararat, N. C.
FRANK R. STONE, Assistant Clerk, Francisco, N. C. R. 1

PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY

F. P. Stone, Eph. 2nd and 8th.
Millard Vaden, St. John 1-1-2
Robert Rogers, (Clerk failed to get text).
Geo. Noonkester, (Clerk failed to get text)

SATURDAY

C L. Roberts, St. John 5-25.
J. A. Moxley, (Clerk failed to get text).
J. R. Worrell, Acts. 17-2-32.
R. P. Vass, Psalms 18-46.
J. T. Spencer, Prov. 30-10.
W. J. Brown John 10-27

SUNDAY

W. W. Davis, St. Mathew 8-27.
J. A. Fagg, Eph. 1-5.
J. Watt Tuttle, Isiah 53-10.
Carl Mabe, No Special text.
S. B. Denny, Acts 27-37.
D. P. Bradway, St. John 3-31.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren of the Fisher's River Association:

Being appointed to write a circular letter to be attached to the minutes of our next Association, if it meets with the approval of the body, its with a keen sense of my weakness that I now proceed to conform to the arrangement, and I don't think of any subject more appropriate than the gospel as the Savior so plainly declares shall be preached in all the world. There is now and has been through the ages a great deal said about the gospel, as to what it is and how it applies to humanity here in the world. We very readily conclude that it is a strong influence among any civilized people, but to be made able to feast upon the Gospel and to enter in to the joys so richly and earnestly means that you must be an heir to the kingdom of God and a joint heir with the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Gospel has been preached through the ages in a mystery to the Jew, a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to the believers both Jewand Greek, the power of God and the wisdom of God. The Gospel does not go to waste, it's of heavenly origin and finds lodg in ginthe hearts of believers and when his called ministers are clothed with the spirit of the Lord they preach the Gospel in its sweetness and purity. The angel that John the Apostle saw flying in the midst of heaven saying, "Fear God and give glory to Him," demonstrates to us so clearly that when the Gospel is preached God is praised and glorified and hi little childern down here are edified, built up and strengthened and are ready to say, as in the case of the damsel in the days of Paul and Silas that, "These are the servants of the most high God which do shew unto us the way of salvation." The Gospel is that witness, standing out, over and above all the opposition of the world, and there is no place here which people get together that believers have such a thrill of interest as to meet with the church and be blessed to feast upon the Gospel. So then let us strive to maintain order and fellowship among our churches that we may have life and that we may have it more abundently.

GEO. DENNY

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in only one true and living God, who rules all things after his own will; and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knoledge and goodness, eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed himself in his word under the character of Father, and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth—the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Articel II. Of the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, an dare profitable for reproof, for correction, and for instruction; in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe on His name, and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) whom God did fore know he did also predestinate to conform to the image of his Son; That God elected according to his foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who arefinally saved, to an inheritance incorruptable and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true Saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlastng Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he i sin by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subject of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly caleld and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the sufferage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderator, until he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No members of the Association shall address another in any appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking 'till he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. Then ames of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shal be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

OBITUARY

J. Pinkney Slawter was born near Pilot Mountain, N. C. April 19, 1859, and died at his home near King, N. C., November 14, 1937, making his stay on earth 78 years, 6 months and 25 days. He was born and reared in a prominent farmers home and was among the outstanding successful farm citizens of this section at the time of his death.

He was married to Julia Ann Moran in the year 1882. She preceeded him in death in 1910. However, five children were born to this union, all of whom survive.

On October 8, 1914, he was married to Susan Taylor, of Surry county, N. C., and to this union were born six children, all of whom with their mother are left behind.

He was united with Rock House Primative Baptist Church on June 13, 1903, and in addition to his faithful and anxious attendance, he was elected to active duty as church clerk in Dec. 1903, and in April 1907 he was ordained as a deacon, in which capacity he efficiently served until his death. He was a charter member and officer in the Boyles Chapel Primative Baptist Church, which was an arm set off from Rock House Church, and established, near King, N. C., April 24, 1924.

His entire life was devoted to the upbuilding of church and home standards, and the church feels to have lost a dearly beloved brother and the family a kind and affectionate husband and father, however, we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain, and do humbly bow in submission to the fulfillment of promise and the will of our Almighty God.

W. A. PALMER

Names & Addresses of Elders

Jas. W. Creed ..... R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
F. P. Stone ..... R. 2, Dobson, N. C.
G. W. Harris..... Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. G. Fulk ..... R. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ..... Mayodan, N. C.
R. H. Riggan ..... Dobson, N. C.
D. E. Wood ..... R. 6, Mt. Airy, N. C
Geo. Denny ..... Pilot Mt., N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. S. Key ..... R. 3, Sanford, N. C.

Churches and Moderators

Ararat ..... Geo. Denny, J. W. Creed
Boyles Chapel ..... S. H. Reid, J. R. Worrell
Deep Creek ..... C. D. Hall, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Hagans Creek ..... F. P. Stone
Hollingsworth Grove ..... G. W. Harris
Liberty ..... J. W. Creed
Little Vine ..... R. H. Riggan, J. G. Fulk
Mulberry ..... F. P. Stone
Mitchells River ..... R. H. Riggan, D. E. Wood
Pilot Mountain ..... Geo. Denny
Rock House ..... W. J. Brown
Stony Creek ..... J. G. Fulk, F. P. Stone, J. W. Creed
Stewarts Creek ..... G. W. Harris, J. G. Fulk
Toms Creek ..... G. W. Harris, F. P. Stone
Union ..... J. W. Creed, F. P. Stone
Volunteer ..... W. J. Brown, ———

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek Union	T. R. Freeman	Steeds, N. C.	10
Ebenezer	Eld. J. B. Jenkins	Luray, Va.	16
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin,	Williamston, N. C.	34
Kotocton	C.W. Miller, Box 86	Rosslyn Sta. Va.	25
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Galax, Va. R 1.	20
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	40
Roaring River	J. A. Miller	Laurel Springs, N. C.	10
Senter	F. T. Miller	Wagoner, N. C.	15
The Primative Baptist Correspondents of			
Eastern N. C.	O. S. Young	Angier, N. C.	10
St. Clairs Bottom	Eld. C. R. Dancy	Marion, Va.	20
Upper Mayo	Eld. W. E. Braswell,	Sandy Ridge, N. C.	20
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min
Ararat, (Cedar Hill)	Geo. Denny	Pilot Mt. N. C.	45
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer	Winston-Salem, N. C.	50
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer R. 1,	East Bend, N. C.	40
Hagans Creek	Mrs. Katie Eads, R. 1,	Siloam, N.C.	30
Hollingsworth Grove	Mrs. Emma J. Miller	Brim, Va.	30
Liberty	J. W. Pilson	R. 2, Dobson, N. C.	30
Little Vine	Mrs. Hester Mitchell	Dobson, N. C.	35
Mulberry	O. B. Key	R. F. D. Elkin, N. C.	30
Mitchells River	Nelson Stewart	Mt. Park, N. C.	50
Pilot Mt.	J. H. Sheets	Pilot Mt. N. C.	50
Rock House	C. L. Slawter R. F. D.	Pinnacle N. C.	55
Stony Creek	E .F. Simmons, R. 1	Mt. Airy, N. C.	45
Stewarts Creek	R .W. Mosley	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	50
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone	Francisco, N. C.	100
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	90
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker R. F. D.	Pinnacle, N. C.	50
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STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Communion Mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. In Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat	Otis Rogers, J. E. Simmons, Geo. Denny	Aug.	2	1						1		40	$2.75
Boyles Chapel	R. D. Marshall, C. R. Hall, C. C. Boyles	May.	1									38	4.00
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, G. R. Murphy, M. M. Flynn	Sept.	2			1				1	1	20	2.30
Hogans Creek	Katie Eads, Victoria Shore, Vicie Fulk	——	1								1	16	1.00
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson, Cephas Childress, Merritt Carter	July	3								3	17	2.00
Liberty	Charlie Parker, H. W. Ashburn, J. W. Pilson	Sept.	1								1	16	1.00
Little Vine	J. D. Freeman, S. R. Gillispie, Dillard White	Aug.	2								1	33	2.55
Mulberry	O. B. Key, J. S. Key	Aug.	1		1							21	2.00
Mitchell's River	P. H. Snow, Nelson Stewart, Geo. Creed	July	4	2		2						24	2.00
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, Jesse Collins, Sam Frye	Aug.	1									31	3.50
Rock House	W. R. Corns, E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter	Aug.	2	1		3				1	1	47	3.00
Stoney Creek	E.F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter, W. C. Hiatt	July	3								1	39	7.20
Stewarts Creek	G. W. Harris, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	Sept.	1	2		3					1	38	6.50
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone, Y. W. Simmons, L. L. Love	June	2	1		1	1				3	81	7.60
Union	G. T. Jones, G. F. Riddle, T. M. Simpson	July	4	1								75	6.85
Volunteer	A. J. Booth, L. G. Tucker, W. L. Fulk	June	4			2						38	3.60

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MINUTES

of the

108th Annual Session

of the

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

held with

The Church at Little Vine

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

JULY 12, 13, 14, 1940

OFFICERS

F. P. STONE : : Moderator
R. F. D. No. 2, Dobson, N. C.

G. J. KEY : : : Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

FRANK R. STONE : Assistant Clerk
Francisco, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, July 12, 1940

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. Geo. Denny and intorductory sermon was preached by Eld. R. H. Riggans. Text: Rev. 14-1.

2. After intermission assembled in the house and after song and prayer by Eld. Geo. Williams of New River association letters from the churches were handed in.

3. Appointed Elders Jim Beasley, and Robert Rogers of Upper Mayo association and Shade Caudle of Mountain association to preach at the stand.

4. The letters read and received and messengers seated.

5. Elected Eld. F. P. Stone Moderator, and G. J. Key Clerk and Frank R. Stone assistant clerk to serve another year.

6. Called for corresponding and visiting brethren with response as follows viz:

Abbotts Creek: Eld D. P. Boradway and Deacon F. L. Helms, and roll of Minutes.

Ebeneezer: Roll of Minutes.

Kehooke: Roll of Minutes.

Mountain: Elders J. A. Moxley and C. L. Roberts correspondents, brethren J. M. Rector, J. M. Wagoner, T. A. Fender and Elders C. B. Kilby and S. G. Caudle visitors.

New River: Elders J. S. Harris, G. S. Williams, G. W. Noonkester R. P. Vass and Deacon J. H. Banks correspondents and Deacons S. M. Harris and W. M. Noonkester, visitors.

Roaring river: Roll of Minutes.

Senter: Elders W. W. Davis and G. D. Roten, Cor. and roll of Minutes.

Primitive Baptist Correspondence of Eastern North Carolina, not represented.

St. Clair's Bottom: Eld. C. W. Tilson, and roll of Minutes

Upper Mayo: Elders Carl Mabe, J. A. Fagg, J. Watt Tuttle, Deacon J. E. Hutchens and J. W. Morefield, Correspondents, and Elders W. J. Brown, Ed Priddy, Jim Beasley, Robert Rogers and Millard Vaden, Deacons I. S. Bullington and other visitors.

7. Called for petitionary letter and a letter was read from Pleasant Grove church in Yadkin county, asking admission as members of Fishers River Association, and they were received and their messengers seated.

8. Appointed the Moderator to make all committee appointments.

9. Appointed Brethren G. T. Jones and J. M. Hunter to act with the Moderator and Messengers of Little Vine Church a Committee on Preaching. Elders Geo. Denny, J. W. Creed and G. W. Harris to act with the Moderator and Clerk as Committee on Arrangements. Elisha Cox and S. J. Badgett a Committee on Finance. D. E. Wood and Y. W. Simmons a Committee to Distribute. Minutes.

10. This Minute Read and Received.

11. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 for Association Work and at 10:00 o'clock for preaching service.

Saturday, July 13, 1940

1. The Association was opened by song, and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway.

2. Called roll of Messengers.

3. Called for report of Cimmittee on arrangements, their report read and approved.

4. Called for reading of Circular letter, was read, approved and ordered attached to this minute.

5. Obituary of Deacon James Franklin Sisk read, received and ordered printed in this minute.

6. Called for report of correspondents appointed to visit sister associations. Reports received and correspondents discharged.

7. Agreed to hold our next session of this association with Pleasant Grove Church in Yadkin County, one and one half miles north-east of East Bend, on Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1941.

8.Ordered 1,000 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

9. Agreed to allow the Moderator $10.00 and the Clerk $15.00 for their services, and to give balance of money received to corresponding visiting brethren.

10. Appointed Elder G. W. Harris to write our next circular letter.

11. Correspondents appointed to visit sister Associations as follows: To Abbots Creek—Elders Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, J. G. Fulk and G. W. Harris; To Mountain—Elders J. W. Creed and F. P. Stone, Brethren G. T. Jones, G. F. Riddle, G. J. Key and P. H. Snow; To New River—Elders G. W. Harris, Geo. Denny and Brethren R. W. Mosley and Ed Jones; To Senter—Elder F. P. Stone and Brethren G. T. Jones and H. L. Badgett; To St. Clairs Bottom—Elders J. G. Fulk and G. W. Harris; To Upper Mayo—Elders F. P. Stone, Geo. Denny and Brethren G. T. Jones, L. D. Tucker, J. H. Sheets, L. L. Love and S. J. Frye.

12. Called for report of Finance committee. They reported

received from Churches	$60.70
Received from friends	16.40
Total	$77.10
Paid for printing Minutes	$25.00
Gave Clerk	15.00
Gave Moderator	10.00
Gave balance to visiting Elders	27.10

13. Ordered Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum printed in this minute.

14. Passed a resolution of thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this Association.

15. This minute read and received.

16. Session closed by prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg.

17. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

F. P. STONE, Moderator
G. J. KEY, Clerk
FRANK R. STONE, Assistant Clerk

Preaching Service

FRIDAY

J. R. Beasley, Text: "When the hour is come the dead shall hear his voice."
Robert Rogers, "By Garce are ye saved and etc."
Shade Caudle, I John 4-19.
Carl Mabe, No special text used.

SATURDAY A. M.

C. L. Roberts, Text: Matthew 3—3.
G. W. Noonkester, No text used.
Edd Priddy, Rev. 13 failed to get verse.
G. S. Williams, Clerk failed to get text.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT STAND IN GROVE

F. R. Moore, Clerk failed to get text.
Charley Kilby, Clerk failed to get text.
J. S. Harris, Romans 8—16—17
J. A. Moxley, Deut. 32—1—2.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN THE HOUSE

M. H. Vaden, "He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love."
Edd Douglas Eph. 3—8
R. P. Vass, "When we were yet without strength in due time and etc."
Sam Atkins, No text used.

SUNDAY

John Crews Clerk failed to get text.
Worth Davis, Prov. 6—6.
C. N. Tilson, Rev. 21 &10.
D. P. Broadway, "Is it lawful to pay tribute to Ceaser?"
W. J. Brown, Failed to get text.
G. D. Roten, Failed to get text.
J. A. Faggsome,
J. G. Fulk, Failed to get text.
F. P. Stone, Failed to get text.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Having been appointed to write this Circular letter, I am offering as substitute for my own, one written by Eld. Gabriel Denny and published in the Fisher River Association minute under date of April 24th, 1891 as follows.

Brethern, my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved, Romans 10th, and 15th verse.

The Apostles bear them record that they have a zeal of God but not according to knowledge.

The Apostle assigns the reason why this was the case, they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness. Wherefore, because they sought it not

by faith, but as it were by the works of the law which was not intended to give life, but only to govern us in precept and example while under the law. The man that doeth these things shall live by them, sin being a transgression of the law and when sin is finished it brings forth death, then the law knows no mercy and and Mount Sinai cries this mountain is no hiding place. Then the apostle affirms that the commandment which was ordained unto life he found to be unto death, when the law came sin revived and I died, manifesting the penalty of all unrighteousness to the honor and glory of God. The law being spiritual thus he said I am carnal sold unto sin. The carnal mind is enmity against God, not subject to his law; to be carnally minded is death.

Now brethren, this same apostle tells the whole house of Israel how he was delivered from the binding influence of the law of sin and death. He says the law of the spirit of life in Christ, hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Then brethren when dwelling in the region and shadow of death light is come, for out of Zion the perfection of beauty, God hath shined unto our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ, and this is life eternal, that they might know God and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, thence no more under the law but now under grace, for garce reigned to eternal life through Christ to every one that believe, to the Jew first and also to the Greek and all that are afar off even as many as the Lord our God shall call, for in that day the great trumpet shall be blown and they that are ready to perish shall come and shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

So brethren let us reckon ourselves dead indeed into sin and alive unto God, for our lives are hid with Christ in God and when Christ who is our lives shall appear then we shall appear with him in glory. So brethren let us glorify God in spirit and in body, in the precept and in example while we live for they that sow to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. Brethren let us avoid every appearance of evil, give the adversary no room to speak reproachful of us.

In conclusion I hope to meet all the redeemed family of God in ultimate glory, there to adore his praise forever, where congregations never break up and Sabbaths never end.

GABRIEL DENNY

SELECTED BY F. P. STONE

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STATISTICAL TABLE

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Ararat (Cedar Hill)	George Denny, Walter Rogers, Earnest Simmons	May	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	$ 3.30
Boyles Chapel	W. S. Denny, C. R. Hall, W. R. Morefield	May	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	37	4.00
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, M. M. Flynn	Sept.	2	0	0	9	0	0	11	0	2	17	1.75
Hogans Creek	Victoria Shores			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1.00
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson, Cephas Childress, Meritt Carter	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	2.00
Liberty	Charley Parker, Willie Hutchens, J. W. Pilson	Sept.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	18	1.00
Little Vine	F. R. Gillispie, J. D. Freeman, J. D. White	Aug.	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	50	4.15
Mulberry	O. B. Key, Lucy Williams, Bettie Southard	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	2.50
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Pleasant Grove	H. E. Johnson, J. H. Johnson, N. A. Poindexter	June	3	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	19	2.00
Rock House	E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter, W. R. Corns	Sept.	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	45	3.00
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter, J. F. Joyce	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	5.50
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Toms Creek	Y. W. Simmons, Frank R. Stone, L. L. Love	June	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	77	9.00
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MINUTES

of the

109th Annual Session

of the

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

held with

The Church at Pleasant Grove

Yadkin County, North Carolina
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JULY 11, 12, 13, 1941

OFFICERS

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G. J. Key — *Clerk*
Ararat, North Carolina

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Francisco, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, July 11, 1941

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder G. W. Harris, and introductory sermon preached by Elder George Denny. Text: "It Is Finished."

2. After intermission assembled in the house and after song and prayer by Elder Watt Tuttle, proceeded as follows:

3. Appointed Elders Jim Beasley, George Noonkester and G. W. Wood to preach at the stand.

4. Letters from the churches read and messengers seated.

5. Obituary of J. F. Sisk referred to the committee.

6. Elected by Acclamation Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator; G. J. Key, Clerk, and Frank R. Stone, Assistant Clerk, to serve another year.

7. Called for correspondents and visiting brethren, viz:

Abbotts Creek: Deacon C. B. Owens and Elder D. P. Broadway, Correspondents.

Ebeneezer:

Kehookee:

Mountain: Elder C. B. Kilby and T. A. Fender, Correspondents.

New River: Elder G. W. Noonkester an d M. W. Noonkester, Visitors. Elder J. R. Crews, Correspondent.

Roaring River: Elder C. D. Hall, Correspondent. Roll of Minutes.

Pine Meeting House: (Independent). Deacon J. W. Williams, Visitor.

Senter: Minutes.

Saints Delight Church: (Independent). Deacon C. F. Shields, Visitor.

Primitive Baptist Correspondents of Eastern North Carolina not represented.

Saint Clairs Bottom: Elders C. R. Dancey and C. N. Tilson, Correspondents. H. M. Blevins, Visitor.

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Ebeneezer Church: (Independent). Elder E. C. Oakes, Visitor.

Buffalo River of Tennessee: Elder J. A. Burcham, Visitor.

8. All correspondents and visitors received and seated.

9. Call for petitionery letter. There was none.

10. Appointed the Moderator to make all committee appointments.

11. Appointed T. M. Simpson and J. E. Simmons to serve with the Moderator and Messengers of Pleasant Grov eChurch a committee on preaching.

Committee appointment: Elders George Denny, G. W. Harris

and J. W. Creed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements. Brethren J. H. Sheets and S. R. Gillispie a committee on finance.

Brethren J. F. Anderson and R. W. Mosley to distribute corresponding minutes.

12. These minutes read and approved.

13. Conclusion. Adjourned to meet at nine-thirty A. M. for Association work and at ten o'clock for preaching.

Saturday, July 12, 1941

1. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway.

2. Called roll of messengers.

3. Recommended printing the circular letter in our minutes.

4. Ordered printed in these minutes Obituary of Deacon J. F. Sisk. (Should have been in last year's minutes, but was omitted through error).

5. Appointed Elder George Denny to write our next circular letter.

6. Called for report of correspondents appointed to visit sister Associations. They reported and were discharged.

7. Agreed to hold our next Association with the church at Rockhouse, seven miles East of Pilot Mountain, at the usual time to, viz: Second Sunday in July, 1942, and Friday and Saturday before.

8. Ordered one thousand minutes printed and distributed as usual.

9. Agreed to allow the Moderator ten dollars, the Clerk fifteen dollars, and the Assistant Clerk five dollars for their services.

10. Report of committee on arrangements received and approved.

11. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elders F. P. Stone, George Denny and R. H. Riggin, and Brethren G. T. Jones and T. M. Simpson.

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12. Called for report of finance committee. They reported received from churches $72.50

Paid for printing Minutes	$25.00
Gave the Clerk	15.00
Gave the Moderator	10.00
Gave the Assistant Clerk	5.00
Paid for printing Association Letters	2.50
Gave balance to visiting Elders	15.00
Total	$72.50

13. Ordered Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

14. Passed a resolution of thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this Association.

15. These minutes read and approved.

16. Session closed by song. Prayer by Elder J. W. Creed.

17. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

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Preaching Service

FRIDAY A. M.

George Denny, Text: "It is finished."

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Jim Beasley, Clerk failed to get text.
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G. W. Harris, Clerk failed to get text.

SATURDAY MORNING

Elder C. E. Oakes, Text: Jer. 33-19-21.
C. C. Hall, Text: "What is man that thou are mindful of him."
John R. Crews, No special text used.
F. L. Moore, Text: "This doctrine is not my doctrine."

AFTERNOON

W. J. Brown, Text: "Be of good comfort, etc."
D. P. Broadway, Text: Isaiah 35-10.
J. A. Fagg, Text: "Glorify thy son, etc."

SUNDAY MORNING IN THE HOUSE

L. G. Cashum, Text: Second Timothy 4-1-2-3.
J. C. Fulk, Text: Isaiah 1-26.
R. H. Riggins, Text: Romans 11-32.

SUNDAY MORNING IN THE STAND

C. B. Kilby, No special text used.
C. N. Tilson, Text: First John 5-1-2.
J. Watt Tuttle, Text: Eph. 2-10.

AFTERNOON IN THE HOUSE

C. R. Dancy, Text: "Forever and Forever."

J. A. Blevins, Text: "It's Enough."
J. A. Burcham, Text: "As ye have borne the image of the earthly, etc."

Circular Letter

Dear Brethren of the Fishers River Association:

As I have been appointed to write a circular letter, will call your attention to 1st Samuel, 12th chapter, 23rd, 24th and 25th verses.

Moreover as for me God forbid, that I should sin against the Lord, in ceasing to pray for you. But I will teach you the good and the right way. Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart. For consider how great things he hath done for you. But if you still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your King. God hath said, by the Prophet, that we should not cease to pray. It is said that men should pray without ceasing. We should pray with and for each other. For God requires this of all his children. Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart. And to fear the Lord, we must first be taught that he is great, then the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, then this wisdom is of the Lord. It teaches us to deny ungodliness and live sober, and upright in the world.

This fear will cause men to shun the very appearance of evil, and do violence to none. This kind of fear will cause men and women to love one another, and to love the church. This fear spoken of by Samuel the Phophet in the 24th verse will teach us to know God, and Jesus Christ, whom he hath sent. And to know this is life eternal.

Then the writer said, Consider how "great" things he hath done for you. But I will teach the good, and the right way. And when the servant of God teaches after the way the Prophet has left it for our learning, then the Church will cry out with the damsel saying "these men shew unto us the way of salvation."

Then Jonah said, "I am an Hebrew, and I fear the Lord." The God of Heaven which hath made the sea, and the dry land. Then this fear of the Lord will cause men to confess the Lord, and to declare that he is great, and that his mercy will endure forever.

Paul said when the Lord had spoken to him, that he conferred not with flesh and blood, but straight way preached Christ.

So then we remember if not deceived that when he spake to us, that we were made to fear and tremble, and were made to feel to say with David, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, and thy rod, and thy staff they do comfort me."

How good it is to feel his kind and gentle hand laid on us.

We then can sing I love thy kingdom Lord, the house of thine abode, the Church our blest Redeemer saved, with his own precious blood.

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Obituary

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He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his death. W. E. and O. W. Sisk of King, Mrs. Zephia Merritt, Mrs. Stella Sisk Holder, and J. E. Sisk all of Pinnacle, N. C. He united with the Primitive Baptist church at Volunteer September 17, 1932, and was ordained deacon April 22, 1933, and served faithfully until death. He will be greatly missed by the church, family, friends and neighbors. He was always ready to help in time of need. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Volunteer Church, to await the resurrection morn. The funeral services were conducted by Elders W. J. Brown, Ed Priddy, George Denny and S. H. Reid.

We grieve not as those who have no hope. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain. May the good Lord comfort and strengthen the bereaved widow and children is our most humble prayer.

This written by order of the church in conference this June 21, 1941.

W. J. BROWN, Moderator
L. G. TUCKER, Clerk

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Pleasant Grove	H. E. Johnson	East Bend, N. C.	30
Rock House	C. L. Slawter, R. F. D.,	Pinnacle, N.C.	55
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, Route 1,	Mt. Airy, N.C.	45
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley, Route 3,	Mt. Airy, N. C.	55
Toms Creek	Frank R. Stone, Rt. 1,	Francisco, N. C.	90
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	100
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker	Rt. 1, Pinnacle, N.C.	55

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Communion Month	Sunday of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat (Cedar Hill) ..	Eld. George Denny, Walter Rogers, Ernest Simmons	May	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	$ 5.70
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer, W. S. Denny, W. R. Moorefield	May	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	4.25
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, M. M. Flynn, G. K. Murphy	Sept.	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	17	2.25
Hogans Creek	Nannie Key, Katie Eads, Mrs. Riley Fulk					0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1.00
Hollingsworth Grove ..	J. F. Anderson, Merritt Carter, Cephus Childress	Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2.50
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Charlie Parker, Willie Hutchens	Sept.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	1.00
Little Vine	J. D. Freeman, S. R. Gillispie, J. D. White	Aug.	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	2	56	4.00
Mulberry	J. S. Key, Betty Southard, Hannah Fulton	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	3.75
Mitchells River	D. E. Wood, R. H. Riggins, P. H. Snow	July	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2.10
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, S. J. Frye, Jessie Collins	Aug.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	3.50
Pleasant Grove	H. E. Johnson, A. A. Johnson, John Hutchens	June	3	0	1	7	0	0	0	1	0	25	3.00
Rock House	E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter, W. R. Corns	Sept.	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	2.50
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter, W. C. Hiatt	July	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	44	7.90
Stewarts Creek	Eld. G. W. Harris, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	Sept.	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	41	6.00
Toms Creek	Arthur Gordon, L. L. Love, Y. W. Simmons	June	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	79	9.50
Union	G. J. Key, T. M. Simpson, S. J. Jones	July	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	77	8.50
Volunteer	C. C. Boyles, L. G. Tucker, A. J. Booth	June	4	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	51	4.75

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MINUTES

OF THE

110th Annual Session

OF THE

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Rock House

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

JULY 10th, 11th and 12th, 1942

OFFICERS

F. P. STONE . . . . . *Moderator*
R. F. D. No. 2, DOBSON, N. C.

G. J. KEY . . . . . *Clerk*
ARARAT, N. C.

FRANK R. STONE . . *Assistant Clerk*
R. F. D. No. 1, FRANCISCO, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1942

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. J. A. Fagg and introductory sermon by Eld. F. P. Stone, text used, 1st. Cor. 12-1-7.

2nd. After itermission assembled in the house and after song and prayer by Eld. G. S. Williams proceeded as follows:

3rd. Appointed Elders D. E. Wood, C. C. Sawyer and Millard Vaden to preach at the stand.

4th. Read letters from different churches and seated messengers.

5th. Elected Eld. F. P. Stone Moderator, G. J. Key Clerk, and Frank R. Stone assistant Clerk, to serve another year.

6th. Called for Correspondents and visiting Brethren with response as follows viz:

Abbots Creek Union: C. B. Owens, J. W. Williams Cor. Eld. D. P. Broadway visitor, and Roll of Minutes.

Ebenezer: Roll of Minutes.

Kehookee: Not represented.

Mountain: Elds. C. L. Roberts and C. C. Sawyer Cor. Brethren A. J. Reeves, J. M. Wagoner and W. A. Rector visitors.

New River: Elds. R. L. Stockner, J. M. Edwards Cor. Elds. G. S. Williams, Grover Webb and Deacon J. A. Banks visitors.

Roaring River: Eld. C. D. Hall and Bro. W. I. Brown Cor. and Roll of Minutes.

Senter: Roll of Minutes.

Saint's Delight church Ind. Deacon Lee Smith visitor.

Primitive Baptist Correspondents of Eastern North Carolina, not represented.

St. Clair's Bottom: Eld. C. R. Dancy Cor. and Roll of Minutes.

Upper Mayo: Elds. J. A. Fagg, Carl Mabe and J. Watt Tuttle Cor. Elds. W. J. Brown, Millard Vaden and Brethren Willie Martin and other visitors.

7th. All Correspondents and visitors received and seated.

8th. Petitionery letter from Zion Hill (Crooked Oak) read and referred to Committee.

9th. Circular letter read and ordered attached to this Minute.

10th. The matter of printing Obituary of sister Eliza Key referred to the Committee.

11th. Appointed the Moderator to make all Committee appointments.

12th. Appointed Elds. Geo. Denny, G. W. Harris and Brother G. T. Jones to serve with Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements.

13th. Appointed Brethren E. F. Simmons, L. L. Love and A. A. Johnson to act with the Moderator and Messengers of Rockhouse church as committee on preaching.

14th. Appointed Brethren Glenn Hunter and S. R. Gillispie committee on Finance.

15th. Appointed Brethren Willie Hutchens and Ed Jones to distribute corresponding minutes.

16th. This Minute read and approved.

17th. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 in the house for Association work and at 10 o'clock at the stand for Preaching service.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

1st. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Eld. J. S. Harris.

2nd. Called Roll of Messengers.

3rd. Called for report of committee on arrangements, their report read and committee discharged.

4th. Agreed to have printed in this Minute obituary of sister Eliza Key (wife of Eld. G. O. Key, deceased).

5th. Appointed Elders Geo. Denny, J. W. Creed, G. W. Harris and Deacon G. J. Key a Presbytery to meet with the members of Hollingsworth Grove church at Toms Creek Saturday before the Second Sunday in August 1942, at eleven o'clock A. M., for the purpose of disbanding Hollingsworth Grove church.

6th. Referred the request of Zion Hill (Crooked Oak) church asking for recognition by this association, to our next session, due to lack of proper information, and agreed to assume watchcare over the church pending action at our next session.

7th. Appointed Eld. J. W. Creed to write our next circular letter.

8th. Called for report of correspondents appointed to visit sister associations, they reported and were discharged.

9th. Ordered one thousand Minutes printed and distributed as usual.

10th. Agreed to allow the Moderator $10.00, the Clerk $15.00, and Assistant Clerk $5.00 for their services.

11th. Agreed to hold our next session of the association with the church at Deep Creek in Yadkin county, beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in July, 1943, on war saving time unless changed by the administration prior to that time, the church being between Siloam and Smithtown.

12th. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows, viz: Abbotts Creek Union: Elders Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, G. W. Harris and J. G. Fulk; Mountain: Eld. J. W. Creed and Brother G. F. Riddle; New River: Elders R. H. Riggan, Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone and G. W. Harris; Senter: no appointment taken; St. Clair's Bottom: Eld. J. G. Fulk and Brethren H. E. and A. A. Johnson; Upper Mayo: Elders F. P. Stone, G. W. Harris and J. W. Creed, and Brethren J. S. Anderson and G. T. Jones; Roaring River: Eld. J. W. Creed and Bro. G. F. Riddle.

13th. Called for report of Finance committee, they reported.

Received from churches	$84.11
Gave Moderator	$10.00
Gave Clerk	15.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	5.00
To pay for printing Minutes	30.00
Gave balance to visiting Elders	24.11
Total	$84.11

14th. Ordered Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum printed in this Minute.

15th. Passed a resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters and friends for caring for this association, and to the Needham Funeral home for furnishing water.

16th. This Minute read and approved.

17th. Session closed by song and prayer by Eld. G. W. Harris.

18th. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

F. P. STONE, Moderator.
G. J. KEY, Clerk.
FRANK R. STONE, Assistant Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY P. M.

Eld. Donna Wood. No special text used.
Eld. C. C. Sawyer, of Mountain association, text 9:13 Mat.
Eld. M. H. Vaden, Upper Mayo association, text Isa. 40-1 & 2.
G. L. Webb, New River association, no text used.
Eld. Geo. Wood, Upper Mayo association, no special text.

SATURDAY A. M.

Eld. J. R. Worrel, Upper Mayo association, Isa. 9-6 & 7.
Eld. J. A. Fagg, Upper Mayo association, Acts 8-36.
D. P. Broadway, Abbotts Creek union, John 12th chapter, failed to get verse.

SATURDAY P. M.

Lewis Pyrtle, Fish River association, John 5-39.
C. L. Roberts, Mountain association, Titus 2-11.
R. L. Stockner, Mountain association, Mat. 3-1 & 9.
Carl Mabe, Upper Mayo association, no special text used.
F. R. Moore, Upper Mayo association, Luke 18-18.

SUNDAY A. M.

Matt Edwards, New River association, Luke 18-18.
G. S. Williams, New River association, Eccle. 1-18.
J. S. Harris, Mountain association, St. John 14-6.

SUNDAY P. M.

C. D. Hall, Roaring River association, Acts 8-31.
C. R. Dancy, St. Clairs Bottom association, Luke 2-34.
J. G. Fulk, Fish River association, Psalms 139, failed to get verse.
F. P. Stone, Fish River association, no text used.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed to write a circular letter to be attached to the Minutes of our next association, I am now trying to comply with the request. I don't think of a more appropriate subject than the Gospel.

We remember that this is a subject that has been, and is now being debated so frequently by the people that we will try to refer in a small way to the sacredness of this subject. It's conclusive even by believers that the Gospel is ever preached in a mystery. Was to the Jew a stumbling block, and to the Greeks foolishness, but to believers, both Jew and Greek, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

We see men in the ministry from almost every honorable walk of life, and how mysteriously they do preach the Gospel to the comfort of believers in the Lord Jesus, but unto everyone of us is Grace given according to the measure of the gift. In this way the flock is fed and built up.

The Gospel is not measured as we measure material things here in this world. There is no method by which we can describe fully the sacred influence and power of the Gospel, however we do feel that the Lord has given us a principle that dwells within the hearts and minds of believers, that serves so well as a measure-

ment or rule by which to be governed, that we need not the surveyors chain, or even his compass.

Brethren, we pray that this sweet story may still be told as long as believers are here.

—Written by Elder George Denny

This June 9, 1942.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Eliza Ellen Key, wife of the late Elder G. O. Key, was born March 15, 1857, and departed this life April 8, 1942, aged eighty-five years and twenty-three days.

She was the daughter of the late John G. and Maletha Davis Jones, of Surry county, and granddaughter of Elder Johnny Jones.

She was married on October 3, 1876, to Elder Gabriel O. Key and to this union was born ten children. Six children and her husband preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Mrs. R. C. Butner, of Cameron, North Carolina, and three sons, Jasper Key, of Ararat, North Carolina, and Frank and Claude Key, of Pilot Mountain, North Carolina. Also twenty-four grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews to mourn her passing.

She was a good wife and a loving mother and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Union about the year of 1886 and was baptized by Elder Smith Webb. In later years she, with her family, moved to Pilot Mountain, North Carolina. She, with her husband, moved her membership to the Pilot Mountain Primitive Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until death.

She was in failing health for several years and seriously ill for three weeks, but through all her suffering she bore it as only a soldier of the cross can, with patience and humbleness.

She often remarked during her illness that she was ready when it was the will of the Lord to call her home. She seemed so happy that the time was fast approaching when she would meet her Blessed Lord and loved ones gone on before.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pilot Mountain Primitive Baptist Church by Elders J. R. Worrell, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Grey Fulk, of Mount Airy, North Carolina, W. J. Brown, of Rural Hall, and F. P. Stone, of Route Two, Dobson, North Carolina. Burial was in the Pilot View Cemetery.

It was so hard to give her up but the Lord giv'th and the Lord tak'th away, Blessed be the name of the Lord. We feel that our loss is her gain.

Written by her niece,
(Mrs.) Mollie Starling,
Mount Airy, N. C.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in only the one true and living God, who rules all things after his own will; and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness, eternal, immortal, invisible an unchangeable; and that this God has revealed himself in his word under the character of Father, and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth—the water, the spirit, the spirit and th e bear witness in earth—the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for reproof, for correction, and for instruction; in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever does now, or ever will believe on His name, and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in convenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) whom God did fore know he did also predestinate to conform to the image of his Son; that God elected according to his foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptable and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true Saints: and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subject of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the sufferage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderator, until he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No members of the Association shall address another in any appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking 'till he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek Union: F. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 12
Ebenezer: Elder J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va., R. F. D. 3 15
Kehookee: B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C. 36
Ketocton: C. W. Miller, Box 86, Rosslyn, Sta., Va. 25
Mountain: J. M. Rector, Galax, Va., R. F. D. 1 20
New River: Elder J. S. Harris, Radford, Va., R. F. D. 1 38
Roaring River: J. A. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C. 10
Senter: F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C. 15
The Primitive Baptist Correspondents of Eastern North Carolina O. S. Young, Angier, N. C. 10
St. Clairs Bottom: Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va. 10
Upper Mayo: J. M. Morefield, Walnut Cove, N. C., Star Route, 20

Total 211

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

George Denny ..... Pinnacle, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2
J. G. Fulk ..... Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. No. 4
J. W. Creed ..... Ararat, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1
G. W. Harris ..... Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. No. 5
J. L. Pyrtle ..... Mayodan, N. C.
R. H. Riggan ..... Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3
F. P. Stone ..... Dobson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2
D. E. Wood ..... Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3

Licentiates

J. S. Key ..... Sanford, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3
Coy Hawks ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Ararat (Cedar Hill): Geo. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C., R. F. D. 3 40
Boyles Chapel: W. A. Palmer, Winston-Salem, N. C. 40
Deep Creek: J. H. Spencer, East Bend, N. C., R. F. D. 1 20
Hogans Creek: Mrs. Katie Eads, Siloam, N. C., R. F. D. 1 18
Hollingsworth Grove: Mrs. Emma J. Mills, Brim, Va. 18
Liberty: J. W. Pilson, Dobson, N. C., R. F. D. 2 25
Little Vine: L. R. Gillispie, Dobson, N. C. 60
Mulberry: O. B. Key, Elkin, N. C., R. F. D. 25
Mitchells River: G. W. Creed, Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 3 33
Pilot Mountain: J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 40
Pleasant Grove: H. E. Johnson, East Bend, N. C. 35
Rock House: C. L. Slawter, Pinnacle, N. C., R. F. D. 1 55
Stony Creek: E. F. Simmons, Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 1 55
Stewarts Creek: R. W. Mosley, Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 1 60
Toms Creek: L. L. Love, Pilot Mountain, N. C., R. F. D. 100
Union: G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C. 100
Volunteer: L. G. Tucker, Pinnacle, N. C., R. F. D. 1 65

Total 789

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Ararat (Cedar Hill)	Eld. Geo. Denny, Walter Rogers, Otis Rogers	1929	*May*	2	1								39	5.00
Boyles Chapel	W. R. Morefield, J. W. Burrell, W. S. Denny	1925	*May*	2			2	1				1	38	4.50
Hogan Creek	Sister Vicie Fulk	1933		1								1	15	1.00
Deep Creek	M. M. Flynn, J. H. Spencer	1923	*Sep*	3									17	2.60
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson, Sefus Childress, Merrit Carter	1926											15	2.00
Liberty	Willie Hutchens	1928	*Sep*	1									15	1.00
Little Vine	S. R. Gillispie, G. W. White, J. D. White	1940	*Aug*	2									56	5.25
Mulberry	O. B. Key, J. S. Key, Bettie Southard	1938	*Aug*	1		1	1						18	7.85
Mitchells River	G. W. Creed, D. C. Wood, R. H. Riggan	1937	*Jul*	4	2							1	25	2.55
Pilot Mountain	S. J. Frye, J. H. Sheets	1935	*Aug*	1								2	28	4.00
Pleasant Grove	A. A. Johnson, H. E. Johnson, John Johnson	1941	*Jun*	3		1	2				1	2	24	4.00
Rock House	E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter, J. D. Jones	1942	*Sep*	2	1		2		1			2	46	3.00
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, W. C. Hiatt, J. F. Joyce	1931	*Jul*	3									44	8.90
Stewarts Creek	Eld. G. W. Harris, R. W. Mosley, J. E. Jones	1936	*Sep*	1	2			2				2	49	7.00
Toms Creek	L. L. Love, Y. W. Simmons, Garfield Jessupp	1924	*Jun*	2	1		3			1		2	84	11.00
Union	T. M. Simpson, G. J. Key, S. C. Mosley	1939	*Jul*	4	1		4						81	9.31
Volunteer	C. C. Boyles, A. J. Booth, L. G. Tucker	1930	*Jun*	4			3	2				1	56	5.15
	TOTALS . . .												650	84.11

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MINUTES

of the

111th Annual Session

of the

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Church

held with

The Church at Deep Creek

Yadkin County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JULY 9, 10, 11, 1943

OFFICERS

F. P. STONE : : Moderator
R. F. D. No. 2 Dobson

G. K. KEY : : : Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, July 9, 1943

1. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder G. W. Harris and introductory sermon preached by Elder Geo. Denny, text, Rev. 14:6-7.

2. After intermission had song and prayer by Elder Ed Davis, from Senter Association and proceeded as follows:

3. Appointed Elders Ed Priddy and Millard Vaden of Upper Mayo Association and R. H. Riggans to preach at the stand.

4. Read letters from the different churches and seated messengers.

5. Elected Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator and G. J. Key, Clerk to serve another year.

6. Petitionary letter from Zion Hill Church read and the church was received as a member of the Fishers River Association.

7. Called for correspondents from sister associations and the response was as follows:

Abbotts Creek: Elder D. P. Broadway and Brother C. B. Owens, correspondents and Deacon J. W. Williams, P. H. Young and Brother E. F. Yarborough visitors.

Kehukee: Minutes.

Mountain: Minutes.

New River: Elder G. W. Noonkester, correspondent and Elder R. L. Stockner and Brother Frank Martin visitors.

Roaring River: Elder C. D. Hall and Deacon W. I. Brown, correspondent and Sister C. D. Hall, visitor.

Senter: Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten, correspondents.

Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina: Elder S. B. Denny and wife and Sister Nona Brown, visitors.

St. Clairs Bottom: Minutes.

Saints Delight Church, Ind.: Brother Charlie Shields and wife and others as visitors. (Calling this church was overlooked by Moderator, but the visitors were present, so we supplement the minutes to include them).

Washington Ass'n: Elder A. R. Singleton, visitor.

Upper Mayo: Elders J. Watt Tuttle and Carl Mabe, correspondents: Elders W. J. Brown, Ed Priddy, M. H. Vaden, Deacon I. F. Bullington and Brother W. L. Pruitt, visitors.

8. All correspondents and visitors seated.

9. Circular letter read and ordered attached to minutes.

10. Ordered list of Moderators and Clerks of Fishers River Association as prepared by Elder F. P. Stone, printed in these minutes.

11. Appointed the Moderator to make all committee appointments.

12. Appointed as follows: Elder Geo. Denny and Brethren G. T. Jones and Monroe Hunter, to serve with the Moderator and clerk as committee on arrangements.

Brethren H. E. Johnson, C. L. Slawter and E. F. Simmons, with Moderator and Messengers of Deep Creek church as a committee on preaching.

Brethren T. M. Simpson and J. F. Anderson, committee on finance.

Brethren A. A. Johnson and W. S. Denny to distribute minutes.

13. These minutes were read and approved.

14. Adjourned to meet at 10:00 A.M. for Association work and at 10:30 for preaching service, war saving time.

Saturday Morning, July 10

1. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway.

2. Called roll of Messengers.

3. Called for report of committee on arrangements, their report read and committee discharged.

4. Read letter from Liberty church and seated Messengers.

5. Appointed Elder F. P. Stone to write an obituary of Deacon C. L. Arrington and same to be printed in these minutes.

6. Appointed Elder G. W. Harris to write our next circular letter.

7. Agreed to have 1,200 copies of minutes printed and distributed as usual.

8. Agreed to give the Moderator and Clerk the usual amount for their services.

9. Agreed to hold our next session of this Association with the church at Toms Creek, one-half mile from West Field, N. C., near Highway 89 and twelve miles from Mt. Airy, N. C., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1944.

10. Ordered Articles of Faith and Decorum printed in these minutes.

11. Called for report of correspondents appointed to visit sister associations, their report read and were discharged.

12. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek—Elders Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, Deacon Earnest Simmons, and Brother G. T. Jones; Mountain—Elders Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone and Brother Earnest Simmons; Haw River—Elders F. P. Stone and Brother G. T. Jones; Senter—Brethren A. A. Johnson, H. E. Johnson and R. E. Nelson; Saint Clairs Bottom—Brethren A. A. Johnson and H. E. Johnson; Upper Mayo—Elders G. W. Harris, Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, Brethren G. T. Jones, L. L. Love and Y. W. Simmons; Roaring River—Elder J. W. Creed and Brother G. F. Riddle.

13. Called for report of committee appointed at 1942 session to conduct dissolution proceedings of Hollingsworth Grove church, they reported meeting at Toms Creek church on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1942, and completing the work as requested.

14. Called for report of finance committee: they reported, received from churches, $101.95, after which all committees were discharged.

Gave Moderator	$ 10.00
Gave Clerk	15.00
Printing Minutes	35.00
Gave balance to visiting ministers	41.95
	$101.95

15. Agreed that all surplus money be given to visiting ministers.

16. Passed a resolution of thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this association.

17. These minutes read and approved.

18. Session closed by prayer by Elder S. B. Denny.

F. P. STONE, Moderator
R. 2, Dobson, N. C.

G. J. KEY, Clerk
Ararat, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder Ed Priddy, of Upper Mayo Association; text, Rev. 13th.

Elder Millard Vaden, of Upper Mayo Association; text, Mark 5-27.

SATURDAY A. M.

Geo. Noonkester, of New River Association; text, John 14-12.

R. L. Stockner, of New River Association; text, John 6-45.

Elder Roten, of Senter Association; Clerk failed to get text.

SATURDAY P. M.

C. D. Hall, of Roaring River Association; text, The hour is coming, etc.

W. J. Brown, of Upper Mayo Association; text, Zech. 13-1.

D. P. Broadway, of Abbotts Creek Union; text, The Lord God called unto Adam.

F. R. Moore, Upper Mayo Association; text, Take heed unto thyself.

SUNDAY A. M.

L. G. Cashion; clerk failed to get text.

Carl Mabe, Upper Mayo Association; clerk failed to get text.

S. B. Denny, Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina; text, Henceforth let no man trouble thee, etc.

SUNDAY P. M.

A. R. Singleton, Washington Association; text, I will take away the hard and stony heart.

Ed Davis, Senter Association; text, John 10-26.

OBITUARY

Consie Tine Lafayette Arrington was born in Surry County, N. C., January 30, 1857, and departed this life May 7, 1943, age 86 years, 3 months and 7 days. In earlier manhood he was married to Miss Martha Collins. To this union was born four sons and one daughter; Sam of Asheboro, N. C., Frank of Julian, N. C., and Joe and John of Mt. Airy, and Mrs. Luther Haymore, also of Mt. Airy, N. C.

Brother Arrington joined the church at Toms Creek and was ordained deacon in 1888. He was a farmer and provided well for his family. He enjoyed entertaining his friends and especially his brethren. He was a good and loyal husband and father and those who learned to know him were his friends and during his last sickness he was visited by them from far and near. He was a true and faithful member, filling the office of deacon until his death. He leaves his sons and daughter, 30 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, one great, great-grandchild with his last wife, Mrs. Ida Cook Arrington and many other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer and he was laid to rest beside his first wife, in the old family cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Written by his pastor.

F. P. STONE.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Having been appointed to write a circular letter and feeling it my duty to address this epistle to the Brethren composing the next session

of our association and those abroad who may chance to read it:
Dear Brethren:

We have heard of it being circulated that the Primitive Baptist preached little infants to torment and we bitterly deny this charge; for when Jesus was asked who is he greatest in the kingdom of heaven. He called a little child unto Him and set it in the midst of them and said, "Verily, I say unto you except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." Mat. 18-1: Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein. Luke 10-14, 15.

Now, brethren, I believe that every one that has or ever will die in infancy is saved and I also believe that every King that has or ever will be saved, are saved just like the little child. I believe that Presidents, Governors or all other high or low, rich or poor, who has ever heard the welcome applause of, Come ye blessed of my Father and enter the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: must first become as a little child and we are the only people that contend that salvation is by grace and not by works, lest any man should boast.

J. W. CREED.

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek Union: T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.	15
Ebenezer: Elder J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va., R.F.D. 3	20
Kehookee: B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	40
Ketocton: C. W. Miller, Box 86, Rosslyn, Station, Va.	25
Mountain: J. M. Rector, Galax, Va.	25
New River: Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va.	40
Roaring River: J. A. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.	12
Senter: G. E. Kilby, Crumpler, N. C.	20
The Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina Elder P. E. Getsinger, Jonesville, N. C.	10
St. Clairs Bottom, Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.	10
Upper Mayo: J. W. Moorefield, Walnut Cove, N. C.	23
Total	240

MODERATORS AND CLERKS OF THE FISHERS RIVER ASSOCIATION

From 1832 to 1943

MODERATORS

Elder Joshua Carter, 1832 to 1847; Elder John Jones, 1848 to 1872; Elder Hugh Jones, 1873; Elder John Jones, 1874 to 1875; Elder M. G. Harbor, 1876 to 1903; Elder A. M. Denny, 1904 to 1913; Elder W. H. Atkinson, 1914 to 1928; Elder F. P. Stone, 1929 to present date.

CLERKS

Silas Jones, 1832 to 1847; Jas. J. Spear, 1848; Henry Steel, 1849 to 1850; James J. Spear, 1851 to 1852; L. H. Southern, 1853; Samuel L. Fulk, 1854 to 1857; Moses Pilson, 1858 to 1863; Drewey Hodge, 1864; Moses Pilson, 1865 to 1876; Elder A. M. Denny, 1877 to 1901; C. F. Denny, 1902; Elder A. M. Denny, 1903; Elder J. A. Ashburn, 1904 to 1910; Elder F. P. Stone, 1911 to 1926; G. J. Key, 1929 to 1933; Elder Geo. Denny, 1934; G. J. Key, 1935; W. A. Palmer, 1936 to 1937; G. J. Key, 1938 to present date.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Ararat (Cedar Hill): Geo. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C., R 2	50
Boyles Chapel: W. A. Palmer, Winston-Salem, N. C., R 1	50
Deep Creek: J. H. Spencer, East Bend, N. C.	30
Hogans Creek: Mrs. Katie Eads, Siloam, N. C., R 1	20
Liberty, J. W. Pilson, Dobson, N. C., R 2	40
Little Vine: S. R. Gillespie, Dobson, N. C.	75
Mulberry, O. B. Key, Elkin, N. C., R.F.D.	35
Mitchell's River: G. W. Creed, Mt. Airy, N. C., R 3	45
Pilot Mountain: J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	50
Pleasant Grove: H. E. Johnson, East Bend, N. C., R 2	45
Rock House: C. L. Slawter, Pinnacle, N. C., R 1	65
Stony Creek, E. F. Simmons, Mt. Airy, N. C., R 1	65
Stewarts Creek: R. W. Mosley, Mt. Airy, N. C., R 1	70

Toms Creek: L. L. Love, Pilot Mountain, N. C., R 1	10
Union: G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.	110
Volunteer: L. G. Tucker, Pinnacle, N. C., R 1	75
Zion Hill: W. P. Johnson, Mt. Airy, N. C., R 3	25
Total	960

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Geo. Denny	R 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle	Mayodan, N. C.
G. W. Harris	R 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. G. Fulk	R 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. W. Creed	R 1, Ararat, N. C.
F. P. Stone	R 2, Dobson, N. C.
R. H. Riggan	R 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. L. Flippen	P.O. not known to Clerk

LICENTIATES

J. S. Key	Carthage, N. C.
Coy Hawks	R.F.D., Winston-Salem, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Last Association	Communion Mo.	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	Geo. Denny, Earnest Simmons, Walter Rogers	1929	May	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	38	$ 5.00
Boyles Chapel	W. R. Morefield, W. S. Denny, L. F. Holder	1925	May	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	6.00
Hogans Creek	Katie Eads, Vicie Fulk	1933		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	1.35
Deep Creek	M. M. Flynn, G. K. Murphy, J. H. Spencer	1943	Sept.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	2.75
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Willie Hutchens	1928	Sept.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	1.00
Little Vine	J. D. White, S. R. Gillespie, G. W. White	1940	Aug.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	57	6.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key, Sisters Bettie Southard, Lela Key	1938	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	5.00
Mitchells River	R. H. Riggan, D. C. Wood, President Snow	1937	July	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3.25
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, Sam Frye	1936	Aug.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	6.00
Pleasant Grove	H. E. Johnson, A. A. Johnson, John Johnson	1941	June	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	8.00
Rock House	Raymon Carns, E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter	1942	Sept.	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	47	6.45
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, W. C. Hiatt, J. M. Hunter	1931	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	9.00
Stewarts Creek	J. F. Anderson, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	1936	Sept.	1	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	53	9.00
Toms Creek	L. L. Love, Y. W. Simmons, A. M. Gordon	1924	June	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	81	12.85
Union	G. J. Key, F. M. Simpson, S. C. Mosley	1939	July	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	80	11.80
Volunteer	Lester Nelson, W. A. Joyce, W. L. Fulk	1930	June	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	60	6.50
Zion Hill	W. P. Johnson												16	2.00
	Totals												655	$101.95

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MINUTES

of the

112th Annual Session

of the

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

held with

The Church at Toms Creek

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

JULY 7, 8, 9, 1944

OFFICERS

F. P. STONE : : Moderator

R. F. D. No. 2, Dobson, N. C.

G. J. KEY : : : Clerk

Ararat, North Carolina

FRANK R. STONE : Assistant Clerk

Francisco, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, July 7, 1944

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder C. N. Tilson, of St. Clair's Bottom Association and introductory sermon preached by Elder G. W. Harris, of this Association. Text: St. John 3:6.

2nd. After intermission the Association met in the house and deliberations were opened by song and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway and proceeded as follows:

3rd. Appointed Elders Geo. Noonkester, C. C. Sawyer, and Grover Webb to preach at the stand.

4th. Read letters from the different churches and seated Messengers. Zion Hill Church asked for the next Association.

5th. Elected F. P. Stone, Moderator; G. J. Key, Clerk; and Frank R Stone, Assistant Clerk to serve another year.

6th. Called for Petitionery letters, and letters were received from New River Association dismissing Chestnut Grove and Sandy Ridge Churches and their Messengers were present asking for recognition as member churches of Fishers River Association, and they were received into and now become part of Fishers River Association.

7th. Called for Correspondents from Sister Associations with response as follows:

Abbotts Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway and C. B. Owen, correspondents; Sister Owen, visitor.

Mountain—Elders C. L. Roberts and C. C. Sawyer, Correspondents; Elders A. L. Presnel and Ed Douglas, visitors.

Roaring River—I. I. Brown, W. C. Hall and Elder C. D. Hall, Correspondents.

Senter—Minutes.

Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina—G. B. Pearce, Elder S. B. Denny, their wives, and Sister Peacock, Visitors.

St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, visitor.

Washington—Not represented.

Upper Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg, Carl Mabe, W. J. Brown, Correspondents; Elders Ed Priddy, Sam Atkins, Walter Mabe, R. L. Rogers and others, visitors.

New River—Elders R. L. Stockner, Grover Webb, Correspondents; Elders J. S. Harris, J. M. Edwards, Geo. Noonkester, John Crews, G. S Williams, S. E. Sumner, and other visitors.

Saint's Delight Church, Ind.—Charlie Shields and wife, R. G. Bayles, L. B. Smith, visitors.

Ketacton—Minutes.

Kehookee—Not represented.

8th. All Correspondents and visitors received and seated.

9th. Circular letter read and ordered attached to these minutes.

10th. Ordered correction of error in last year's minutes of list of Moderators and Clerks of this Association.

11th. Appointed the Moderator to make all appointments.

12th. Appointed Elder Geo. Denny, Brethren T. M. Simpson and H. E. Johnson to serve with Moderator and Clerk as Committee on Arrangements.

Brethren A. A. Johnson, J. F. Anderson, Committee on Finance.

Brethren Ed Jones, O. B. Key, Committee to Distribute Minutes.

Brethren S. J. Badgett, J. M. Hunter to serve with Messengers and Deacons of Tom's Creek Church, Committee on Preaching.

13th. Adjourned to meet tomorrow in the Association at 10 o'clock and for preaching service at 10:30.

Saturday Morning, July 8

1st. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder G. W. Wood, of Upper Mayo Association.

2nd. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements, their report received and they were discharged.

3rd. Read letters from Little Vine and Liberty Churches and seated their Messengers; also seated Messengers from Deep Creek.

4th. Appointed J. G. Fulk to write next circular letter.

5th. Ordered 1,200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

6th. Agreed to give the Moderator $15.00; Clerk $20.00 and Assistant Clerk $10.00.

7th. Called for report of Messengers to Sister Associations; they reported and were discharged.

8th. Appointed Correspondents as follows, viz: Abbotts Creek Union, Elders Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone and Brethren J. E. Simmons and G. T. Jones; Mountain, F. P. Stone; Senter, Geo. Denny; St. Clair's Bottom, H. E. Johnson and A. A. Johnson; Upper Mayo, Elders Geo. Denny, G. W. Harris, J. W. Creed and F. P. Stone. Brethren J. E. Simmons, G. T. Jones, J. F. Anderson, Frank R. Stone, C. L. Slawter and W. R Carns; New River, Elder F. P. Stone and Brethren Y. W. Simmons and L. L. Love; Roaring River, Elder F. P. Stone, Brethren Ramon Smith, L. G. Tucker, and G. F. Riddle.

9th. Agreed to hold our next session with the Church at Zion Hill, ten miles west of Mt. Airy, and two and one-half miles off Highway 89 going west, turn to right at Pine Ridge service station, beginning Friday before the Second Sunday in July, 1945.

10th. Called for report of committee on finance; they reported received from churches $165.10:

Gave Moderator	$ 15.00
Gave Clerk	20.00
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Order of Preaching

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G. W. Noonkester, of New River Association. Text, 2nd Cor. 12th Chapter, verse not recorded.

C. C. Sawyer, of Mountain Association. Text: "Good Samaritan what good things can I do," etc.

Grover Webb, of New River Association. Psalms 3-1.

SATURDAY A. M.

C. L. Roberts, of Mountain Association. Matt. 16:12-16.

J. S. Harris, of New River. Text: "Blessed are those that cometh in the presence of the Lord."

Carl Mabe, of Upper Mayo Association. No special text used.

G. S. Williams, Past Moderator of New River Association. Clerk failed to get text.

Ed Douglas, of Mountain Association. Clerk failed to get text.

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L. G. Cashion, of Abbotts Creek Union. Song and prayer.

C. D. Hall, of Roaring River Association. Text, 109th Psalm, 22nd verse.

C. N. Tilson, of Saint Clair's Bottom Association. Text, Rev. 21-9.

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Circular Letter

Dear Brethren of the Fishers River Association:

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Yes, it is appointed unto man to die, and they shall return unto dust. They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them, Job. 21-26. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another, Job. 19:26, 27.

Yes, it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body, there is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body 1st Cor. 15: 43, 44.

Yes, through the scent of water when the Lord comes again, to call our bodies out of our sleeping dust, they shall come forth like a plant, and many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt and they that be wise shall shine, as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn, many to righteousness as the stars, forever and ever. Daniel 12:2, 3.

Jesus was the first fruit of them that slept, and rose the third morning and come saying, all; power is in my hands both in Heaven and earth.

They shall lie down alike in the dust. Jesus said, verily, verily, I say unto you except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. John 12-24.

Then when our new bodies shall come forth, like a plant. They will sing praise to Him forever and ever. Then we shall see Him as He is and be like Him and be satisfied.

Though, the root wax old in the earth and the stock thereof shall die in the ground, yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

Then the saints will sing and not a wave of trouble roll across their peaceful breasts.

Written in love,

ELDER G. W. HARRIS.

Names and Addresses of Elders

George Denny	Pinnacle, N. C., R. F. D. 2
George Berrier	Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 3
R. H. Riggan	Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 3
D. E. Wood	Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 3
J. L. Pyrtle	Mayodan, N. C.
G. D. Harris	Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 5
J. G. Fulk	Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 4
G. L. Flippen	Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 1
F. P. Stone	Dobson, N. C., R. F. D. 2
J. W. Creed	Ararat, N. C., R. F. D. 1

Licentiates

Jasper Easter	Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D.
J. S. Key	Carthage, N. C., R. F. D.

Correcting Error in 1943 Minutes

Listing Names of Moderators and Clerks of Fishers River Association From 1832 to Date

MODERATORS

Elder Joshua Carter, 1832-1847; Elder John Jones, 1848-1872; Elder Hugh Jones, 1873; Elder John Jones, 1874-1875; Elder M. G. Harbour, 1876-1903; Elder H. M. Denny, 1904-1913; Elder W. H. Atkinson, 1914-1928; Elder F. P. Stone, 1929 to present date.

CLERKS

Silas Jones, 1832-1847; Jos. J. Spear, 1848; Henry Steel, 1849-1850; Jas. J. Spear, 1851-1852; L. H. Southern, 1853; Samuel L. Fulk, 1854-1857; Moses Pilson, 1858-1863; Drewey Hodge, 1864; Moses Pilson, 1865-1876; Elder A. M. Denny, 1877-1901; C. F. Denny, 1902; Elder A. M. Denny, 1903; Elder J. A. Ashburn, 1904-1910; Elder F. P. Stone, 1911-1928; G. J. Key, 1929-1933; Elder Geo. Denny, 1934; G. J. Key, 1935; W. A. Palmer, 1936-1937; G. J. Key, 1938 to present date.

Distribution of Minutes to Church Clerks

Ararat (Cedar Hill) : Geo. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C., R. F. D. 2 45
Boyles Chapel, W. A. Palmer, E. Polo Road, Winston-Salem, N. C. .. 50
Chestnut Grove : Garnet Lyons, Lomsburg, Va. 20
Deep Creek : J. H. Spencer, East Bend, N. C. 35
Hogans Creek : Mrs. Katie Eads, Siloam, N. C., R. F. D. 1 20
Little Vine : S. R. Gillespie, Dobson, N. C. 60
Liberty : J. W. Pilson, Dobson, N. C., R. F. D. 2 20
Mulberry : O. B. Key, Elkin, N. C., R. F. D. 30
Mitchells River : Tommie Southard, Mountain Park, N. C. 40
Pilot Mountain : J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 40
Pleasant Grove : H. E. Johnson, East Bend, N. C., R. F. D. 2 40
Rock House : C. L. Slawter, Pinnacle, N. C., R. F. D. 55
Stony Creek : E. F. Simmons, Pilot Mountain, N. C., R. F. D. 2 ... 65
Stuarts Creek : R. W. Mosley, Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 1 75
Sandy Ridge : Mrs. Renie Hawks, Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 25
Toms Creek : L. L. Love, Pilot Mountain, N. C., R. F. D. 2 110
Union : G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C. 110
Volunteer : L. G. Tucker, Pinnacle, N. C., R. F. D. 85
Zion Hill : W. P. Johnson, Mt. Airy, N. C., R. F. D. 3 25

Total 950

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Abbotts Creek Union : T. R. Freemon, Steeds, N. C. 15
Ebeneezer : Elder J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va., R. F. D. 3 20
Kehookee : B. S. Corwin, Williamston, N. C. 40
Ketocton : Elder R. L. Byrd, Manassas, Va.
Mountain : J. M. Rector, Galax, Va. 26
New River : Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va. 40
Roaring River : J. A. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C. 12
Senter : G. E. Kilby, Crumpler, Va. 20
The Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina :
Elder P. E. Getsinger, Jonesville, N. C. 16
St. Clair's Bottom : Elder C. R. Dancy, Marion, Va. 11
Upper Mayo : J. W. Moorefield, Star Route, Walnut Cove, N. C. 25

TOTAL 250

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Communion Month	Sunday of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Rec'd by Experience	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	L. D. Denny, J. E. Simmons, Elder Geo. Denny	May	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	$ 6.00
Boyles Chapel	W. R. Morefield, W. S. Denny, C. C. Boyles	May	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	45	10.00
Chestnut Grove	Deacon Will Berrier. Elder George Berrier	Aug.	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	2.70
Deep Creek	M. M. Flynn, J. H. Spencer, G. K. Murphy	Sept.	2									17	3.00
Hogan Creek	Sisters Katie Eads, Vicie Fulk			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1.30
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, Willie Hutchens	Sept.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1.00
Little Vine	S. R. Gillespie, J. D. White	Aug.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	53	14.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key, Sisters Lucy Williams, Bettie Southard	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	1.50
Mitchells River	R. H. Riggan, D. E. Wood, P. H. Snow	July	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3.20
Pilot Mountain	S. J. Frye, Jesse Collins	Aug.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	26	8.25
Pleasant Grove	A. A. Johnson, H. E. Johnson, J. W. Hutchens	June	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	9.00
Rock House	Raymon Carns, E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter	Sept.	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	44	3.65
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, W. C. Hiatt, J. M. Hunter	July	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	12.30
Stewarts Creek	Deacons R. W. Mosley, J. E. Jones, J. F. Anderson	Sept.	1	3	0	6	5	0	1	0	1	62	15.00
Sandy Ridge	Lester Hawks, Eldredge Hawks	Aug.	3	0	0								3.60
Toms Creek	L. L. Love. Y. W. Simmons, L. T. Priddy	June	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	82	37.25
Union	T. M. Simpson, G. T. Jones, S. J. Badgett	July	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	79	18.50
Volunteer	Lester Nelson, Raymon Smith, L. G. Tucker	June	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	0	66	10.85
Zion	V. P. Johnson, Sisters Alice Easter, Zilpha Thomas	July	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	4.00
	Totals											673	165.10

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MINUTES

OF THE

113th Annual Session

OF THE

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Zion Hill

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY
JULY 6, 7 and 8, 1945

OFFICERS

F. P. STONE . . . Moderator
R. F. D. NO. 2, DOBSON, N. C.

G. J. KEY . . . . . Clerk
ARARAT, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JULY 6TH, 1945

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. Watt Tuttle of Upper Mayo association, and Introductory sermon preached by Eld. J. R. Crews of this Association. No text used.

2nd. After intermission the Association met in the house and after song and prayer by Eld. J. S. Harris of New River Association, proceeded as follows.

3rd. Appointed Elders J. R. Beasley, W. C. Martin and M. H. Vaden, all of Upper Mayo association, to preach at the stand.

4th. Read letters from churches (except Pleasant Grove and Mulberry, not represented) and messengers seated, Chestnut Grove asked for the next association.

5th. Elected Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator, and G. J. Key, Clerk to serve another year.

6th. Called for petitionary letter. There was none.

7th. Called for Correspondents from sister associations and response was as follows, viz:

Abbotts Creek, Eld. D. P. Broadway and Brother Owens, correspondents, Brother C. R. Helm and Sister Owens, visitors.

Mountain—Eld. C. C. Sawyer, correspondent, Sister Sawyer, visitor.

Roaring River—Minutes.

Senter—Minutes.

Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina—Not represented.

Saint Clair's Bottom—Eld. C. N. Tilson, correspondent.

Upper Mayo—Elders Watt Tuttle, J. R. Worrell, Carl Mabe, L. J. Martin, correspondents, Brethren J. D. Anderson, Ira Bullington, C. T. Martin, J. T. Riggan, and Elder R. L. Rogers, visitors.

New River—Elder G. S. Williams, Correspondent, Elders J. S. Harris, George Noonkester, Brethren A. B. Williams, and G. L. Brinkley, visitors.

Saint's Delight Church, Ind.—Not represented.

Ketocton—Minutes.

Kehookee—Minutes.

All Correspondents and Visitors received and seated.

8. Appointed the Moderator to make all appointments.

9th. Appointed Elders George Denny, G. W. Harris, and J. R. Crews to serve with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements.

H. E. Johnson and Y. W. Simmons, Committee on Finance.

W. R. Morefield and Raymond Smith, committee to distribute Minutes.

S. J. Jones and C. L. Slawter to serve with the Moderator and representatives of this (Zion Hill) church as committee on preaching.

11th. Agreed to meet in association tomorrow at 10 o'clock and for preaching at 10:30 Eastern War Time.

12. This minute read and received.

13th. Adjourned to meet tomorrow at time agreed upon.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 7TH

1st. The association was opened by song and prayer by Elder J. R. Worrell.

2nd. Messengers from Deep Creek, Pleasant Grove and Mulberry churches, were received and seated after having read letters from Pleasant Grove and Mulberry.

3rd. Called roll of Messengers.

4th. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations with response as follows, viz., Elder Ed Davis, Bro. F. T. Miller, Cor. from Senter; Elds. J. A. Fagg and W. J. Brown, visitors from Upper Mayo; Elder C. D. Hall and Bro. W. C. Hall. Cor. from Roaring River, Brother and Sister C. F. Shields, visitors from Saint's Delight, Elder J. M. Edwards, Brethren Arnold Combs and C. T. Edwards, visitors from New River. All messengers and visitors seated.

5th. Called for report of committee on arrangements. They recommended releasing J. T. Riggan as Trustee to property of former Rock Springs church and appointment of T. M. Simpson to succeed J. M. Eldridge, S. J. Jones to succeed J. T. Riggan, and J. M. Hunter to succeed A. B. Key, Trustees to said property. The committee's recommendation was received and adopted by the association.

6th. Appointed Eld. J. R. Crews to write next circular letter.

7th. Read circular letter and ordered same attached to this minute.

8th. Called for report of correspondents appointed to visit sister associations. They reported and were discharged.

9th. Agreed to have 1200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

10th. Agreed to give Moderator $15.00 and Clerk $20.00 for their service.

11. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows, viz. to

Abbotts Creek: Elder Geo. Denny, Brethren L. D. Denny and G. T. Jones.

Mountain—Elds. George Denny, F. P. Stone and J. G. Fulk.

Senter—Brethren H. E. Johnson and A. A. Johnson.

Saint Clair's Bottom—H. E, Johnson and A. A. Johnson.

Upper Mayo—Elder Geo. Denny, Brethren R. L. Nelson, G. T. Jones and S. J. Jones.

New River—Elds. F. P. Stone, R. H. Riggan and G. W. Harris,

Roaring River—Elds. F. P. Stone, J. G. Fulk and Bro. G. T, Jones,

12th. Agreed to hold our session with the church at Chestnut

Grove, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1946, one quarter mile west of Lambsburg, Va., 12 miles northwest of Mount Airy, N. C.

13th. Called for report of finance committee. They reported $193.20 received from churches.

14th. Agreed to give all surplus funds to visiting elders.

15th. Ordered rules of decorum and articles of faith, printed in this minute.

16th. Passed a resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters and Friends for caring for this association.

17th. This minute read and approved.

18th. Closed the work of the association by song and prayer by Elder G. S. Williams.

F. P. STONE, Moderator;
G. J. KEY, Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	$193.20
Gave Moderator	$15.00
Gave Clerk	20.00
Gave visiting Elders	108.20
Paid for printing and distributing minutes	42.50
Balance in Clerk's hands	7.50
	$193.20

ORDER OF PREACHING—FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. J. R. Beasley of Upper Mayo association. No special text used.
Eld. W. E. Martin of Upper Mayo association. Text 2nd Tim. 2-18.
Eld. M. H Vaden of Upper Mayo association. Text 2nd 8-9.
Eld. J. W. Tuttle of Upper Mayo association. Text Heb. 10-20.

SATURDAY MORNING

Eld. G. W. Noonkester of New River Asso. Text St. John 7-46.
Eld. R. L Martin of Upper Mayo Assn. No special text.
Eld. R. L. Rogers of Upper Mayo Assn. Text 1st John 1-4.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. C. D. Hall of Roaring River Assn. Psalms of David 17-15.
Eld. J. S. Harris of New River Assn. Clerk failed to get text.
Eld. D. P. Broadway of Abbotts Creek Assn. Clerk failed to get text.
Eld. W. J. Brown of Upper Mayo. Text, And the Lord shut them in.

SUNDAY MORNING

Eld. J. R. Worrell of Upper Mayo. 1st Tim. 1-15.
Eld. C. N. Tilson of St. Clair's Bottom. Wisdom hath built her house.
Eld. Carl Mabe of Upper Mayo. Clerk failed to get text.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. G. S. Williams. Comfort ye comfort ye, and etc.
Eld. J. A. Fagg of Upper Mayo. Then Peter opened his mouth.
Eld. Ed Davis of Senter Assn. The Lord is my shepherd.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in only the one true and living God, who rules all things after His own will; and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness, eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth —the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for reproof, for correction, and for instruction; in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever does now, or ever will believe on His name, and that all who are finaly saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe hat (all) of whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to conform to the image of His Son; that God elected according to His foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptable and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true Saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom He loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subject of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the sufferage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderator, until he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No members of the Association shall address another in any appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking 'till he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as it may think proper.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Fishers River Association and everywhere. Being appointed by the Association to write this letter I will try to write on the teachings of Christ. In instructing his people the Lord teaches them by comparison. He brings light out of darkness; life out of death; consolation out of tribulation, and comfort out of the most darkest seasons. Without the burden o.

sin we would not know the joys of salvation. The grace of God must teach these lessons or they will remain hidden. The grace of God that brings Salvation teaches us that denying ungodless and worldly lust we should live soberly and righteously in this present world. The apostle Paul told the brethren He died daily, yet He lived so when we are crucified to the world and die to its pleasure then it is the fruits of the Spirit bloom forth and ripen.

So this glorious Grace was given us, in Christ before the world began. All that will ever behold Him in His glory can say, with the Apostle who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His purpose and Grace that was given us in Him before the world began. Now as many as are borned of the Spirit are led by the Spirit, so Brethren and Sisters, let us walk after the Spirit, forgetting those things which are behind, we press on towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord may God add His blessings to all His dear, humble ones that may read these lines.

An unworthy brother in hope, J. GRAY FULK.
Mt. Airy, N. C.—Rt. 4.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

George Denny ..... Pinnacle, N. C., Rt. 2
George Berrier ..... Mount Airy, N. C.
R. H. Riggan ..... Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 3
D. E. Wood ..... Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 3
J. L. Pyrtle ..... Mayodan, N. C.
G. W. Harris ..... Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 5
J. G. Fulk ..... Mt. Airy, N. C., Rt. 4
G. L. Flippin ..... Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 1
J. R. Cruise ..... Mount Airy, N. C., Rt. 1
P. P. Crawford ..... Galax, Va.
F. P. Stone ..... Dobson, N. C., Rt. 2
J. W. Creed ..... Ararat, N. C., Rt. 1

LICENTIATES

J. S. Key ..... Carthage, N. C.
Roy Hawks ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

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TOTAL 240

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	P O.	No. Min.
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	Geo. Denny, Carl T. Mabe,	J. E. Simmons,	R. 1, P. Mtn., N. C,	45
Boyles Chapel	S. H. Reid, Edd Priddy,	W. A. Palmer,	R. 7, W.-Salem, N. C.	50
Chestnut Grove	J. R. Cruise, Preston Crowder,	G. P. Lyons,	Lambsburg, Va.	70
Deep Creek		J. H. Spencer		25
Hogans Creek:	F. P. Stone	Katie Eads,	R. 1, Siloam, N. C.	15
Liberty:	R. H. Riggan, J. W. Creed,	Stacy Pilson,	Rt. 2, Dobson	20
Little Vine	R. H. Riggan, J. G. Fulk,	G, L. Flippin,	G. R. Gillispie, Dobson	60
Mulberry:	F. P. Stone	O. B. Key,	RFD, Elkin, N. C.	30
Mitchells River	R. H. Riggan, G. L. Flippin,	D. E. Wood,	Tom Southard, Mtn. Pk.	30
Pilot Mtn:	J. R. Worrell, Geo Denny,	J. H. Sheets,	Pilot Mtn.,	40
Pleasant Grove:	C. D. Hall	H. E. Johnson,	East Bend, N. C.	35
Rock House:	W. J. Brown, M. H. Vaden,	C. L. Slawter,	Pinnacle	50
Stony Creek:	F. P. Stone	E. F. Simmons,	R. 2, Pilot Mtn.	60
Stewarts Creek	G. W. Harris, J. G. Fulk,	R. W. Mosley,	R. 4, Mt. Airy, N, C,	75
Sandy Ridge:	J. R. Crews, P. P. Crawford,	A. M. Hawks,	Mt. Airy	55
Toms Creek:	F. P, Stone	L. L. Law,	R. 2, Pilot Mtn.	100
Union:	F. P. Stone, J. W. Creed	G. J. Key,	Ararat, N. C.	100
Volunteer:	W. J. Brown	R. L. Nelson,	Pilot Mountain	25
Zion Hill:	D. E. Wood; G. L. Flippin,	W. P. Johnson,	R. 3, Mt. Airy	25

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Ararat (Cedar Hill)	Eld. Geo. Denny, L. D. Denny, S. T. Bennett	1929	May	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	38	7.60
Boyles Chapel	C. C. Boyles, Bill Spencer, W. S. Denny	1925	May	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	51	13.55
Chestnut Grove	W. M. Berrier, Eld. Geo. Berrier, G. P. Lyons		Aug.	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	65	5.00
Deep Creek	W. M. Flynn	1943	Sep.										17	3.00
Hogans Creek		1933											14	1.00
Liberty	Willie Hutchens, Sisters Stacy Pilson, Cora Bledsoe	1928	Sep.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	12.50
Little Vine	J D. White, S. R. Gillispie, G. W. White	1940	Aug.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	54	17.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key, Sister Betty Southard	1938	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	10.50
Mitchells River	G. W. Creed, Eld. R. H. Riggan, Sister Ida Nixon	1937	Jue.	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	5.00
Pilot Mtn.	S. J. Frye, Coley Venable, Jesse Collins	1935	Aug.	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	30	9.00
Pleasant Grove	A A. Johnson, H. E. Johnson, John Hutchens	1941	Jue.	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	9.00
Rock House	W. R. Corns, E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter	1942	Sep.	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	44	5.20
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, W. C. Hiatt, J. M. Hunter	1931	Jue.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	44	15.00
Stewarts Creek	J. F. Anderson, R. W. Mosley, G. W. Harris	1936	Sep.	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	64	20.00
Sandy Ridge	P. L. Hawks, Eldridge Hawks, J. B. Easter		Aug.	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	52	5.25
Toms Creek	L. L. Love, Y. W. Simmons, L. T. Priddy	1944	Jue.	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	28.40
Union	S. J. Jones, T. M. Simpson, G. F. Riddle	1939	May	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	79	22.05
Volunteer	W. L. Fulk, Raymond Smith, R. L. Nelson	1930	Jue.	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	67	11.00
Zion Hill	W. P. Johnson, H. B. Thomas, Sister Alice Easter	1945	Jue.	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	5.00
	TOTAL												792	195.20

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MINUTES

OF THE

114th Annual Session

OF THE

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Chestnut Grove

SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

JULY 12, 13 and 14, 1946

OFFICERS

F. P. STONE . . . Moderator

R. F. D. NO. 2, DOBSON, N. C.

G. J. KEY . . . . . Clerk

ARARAT, N. C.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, JULY 12TH, 1946

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. G. W. Harris, and introductory sermon by Eld. Geo. Denny. Text Gen. 8-22.

2nd. After intermission the Association met in the house and after song and prayer by Eld. C. B. Kilby, proceeded as follows:

3rd. Appointed Elders Eddie Martin and Grover Webb to preach at the stand.

4th. Read letters from churches, (except Deep Creek and Pleasant Grove), letters received and messengers seated.

5th. Elected Eld. F. P. Stone, moderator and G. J. Key, clerk, to serve another year.

6th. Called for petitionery letter. There was none.

7th. Called for correspondents from sister associations with response as follows:

Abbotts Creek, Eld. D. P. Broadway and Deacon C. B. Owen, correspondents.

Mountain—Elds. A. L. Pressnell, Ed Douglas, correspondents, J. M. Rector, C. B. Kirby, visitors.

Roaring River —Eld. C. D. Hall, W. C. Hall, J. T. Choate Correspondents.

Senter—F T. Miller, correspondent.

St. Clair's Bottom—Minutes.

Upper Mayo—Elds. J. A. Fagg, L. J. Martin, and J. W. Brown, correspondents. Elds. Sam Atkins, Ed Priddy, M. H. Vaden and others visitors.

New River—Eld. G. S. Williams, correspondent, Eld. Grover Webb and Bro. W. L. Pruitt, visitors

Saint's Delight Church, Ind. not represented.

Primitive Baptist Church of Eastern, North Carolina, not represented.

Kehookee—not represented.

Ketocton—not represented.

All correspondents and visitors received and seated.

8th. Appointed the moderator to make all appointments.

9th. Appointed Eld. Geo. Denny, Y. W. Simmons and T. M. Simpson to serve with moderator and clerk as committee on arrangements.

J. M. Hunter and J. F. Anderson committtee on finance.

Willie Hutchens and J. E. Simmons to distribute minutes.

E. F. Simmons and S. J. Jones to serve with the moderator and messengers of Chestunt Grove church as committee on preaching.

10th. Agreed to meet at 9:30 tomorrow, for association work and at 10 o'clock for preaching.

11th. This minute read and received.

Then after preaching in the house (on account of rain) by Grover Webb, adjourned to meet tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 13TH.

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. W. J. Brown.

2nd. Called roll of messengers, Pleasant Grove messengers came in. Their letter read and messengers seated.

3rd. Called for messengers and visitors from sister associations who were not here yesterday, several reported and their names added to yesterdays list.

4th. Called for work of committee on arrangements. They recommended:

5th. That funds received from sale of Rock Springs church grounds be added to the general fund.

6th. That circular letter by Eld. J. R. Cruise be printed in this minute.

7th. That obituaries of Eld. J. R. Pyrtle, Deacons J. M. Jones and J. M. Fulk be printed in this minute.

8th. That Eld. Geo. Denny write our next circular letter.

9th. That we have 1200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

10th. That articles of faith and rules of Decorum be printed in this minute.

11th. That our next association be held with the church at Boyles Chapel, 7 miles north of King on highway 66. The recommendations of the committee approved and they were discharged.

12th. Called for report of correspondents appointed to visit sister associations. Reports received and they were discharged.

13th. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows:

To Abbotts Creek—Elds. Geo. Denny and F. P. Stone.

To Mountain—Elds. F. P. Stone, Geo. Denny and Bros. J. E. Simmons and R. L. Nelson.

To Uppr Mayo—Elds. F. P. Stone, J. R. Cruise, J. W. Harris and Bro. Frank R. Stone.

To New River—Elds. F. P. Stone, J. W. Harris, Bros. T. M. Simpson and S. J. Jones.

To Roaring River—Eld. F. P. Stone, Bros. H. E. Johnson and A. A. Johnson.

14th. Agreed to give moderator $15.00 and clerk $20.00

15th. Called for report of finance committee. Their report received and they were discharged.

16th. Agreed to give surplus funds to visiting Elders, except the $47.00 from sale of church land and appointed committee on preaching to distribute the funds.

17th. Passed resolution of thanks to brethren, sisters and friends for caring for this association

18th. Closed the work of the association by song and prayer by Eld. C. D. Hall.

F. P. Stone, Moderator
G. J. Key, Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from sale of Rock Springs land	$47.00
Balance in clerk's hands	7.50
Received from churches	201.20
	$255.70

Gave Moderator	$15.00
Gave Clerk	20.00
Gave visiting Elders	77.00
Paid for printing minutes	47.50
Balance in Clerk's hands	96.20
	$255.70

ORDER OF PREACHING—FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. Eddie Martin—Text: Luke 15th. chapter of—
Grover Webb—Text: Ezek. 37th chapter. The hand of the Lord was upon him.

SATURDAY MORNING

1st. Eld. A. L. Presnell—failed to get text.
2nd. Eld. Ed Priddy—failed to get text.
3rd. Eld. Fletcher Beasley—failed to get text.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. D. P. Broadway—Text: Rev. 10- 5 and 6.
Eld. C. D. Hall—Text: Isaah 26-19.
Eld. J. H Fagg—Text: St. John 8-58

SUNDAY MORNING

Eld. W. J. Brown—Text: Tim. 1-9
Eld. G. S. Williams—Text: St. John 5-11.
Eld. Carl Mabe—No text used.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. Ed Douglas—Text: Heb. 11-1.
Eld. F. P. Stone—Text: Matt. 24-6.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in only the one true and living God, who rules all things after His own will; and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness, eternal immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth —the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for reproof, for correction, and for instruction; in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever does now, or ever will believe on His name, and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) of whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to conform to the image of His Son; that God elected according to His foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptable and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true Saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom He loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall perserve in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subject of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, until he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No members of the Association shall address another in any appellation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking 'till he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association think proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproven by the Association as it may think proper.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH—CIRCULAR LETTER

Having been appointed to write the circular letter to the Elders, messengers and members who may compose the Fishers River Association and also to our sister Associations with whom we correspond, we are glad to have you seat in council with us.

I will now take up the instruction of Paul, the Apostle, to 11 Timothy, 1-8-9. Reads as follows: Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor me his prisoner, but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the Power of God, who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus, before the world began, and also, the tenth verse read, thus: But is now made manifested by the appearing of our savior, Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. I love to think of the word, hath, which is in the past tense, telling us of what he had already done, our experience teaches us, if not deceived, that he come to us and called us from our wild career, and placed a new song in our mouth and even praises to his holy name.

And now dear one how pleasant it is to dwell in unity.

Your unworthy servant,
J. R. CRUISE

OBITUARY

James M. Jones was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, May 17, 1884, the son of David and Betty France Jones. His father died when he was just a boy and he came to Surry County and lived with the family of Jonathan Flinchum until grown. He was married to Keziah E. Denny Jones on November 13, 1875, and to this union were born seven children, three girls and four boys, five of which are now living.

He was received by Ararat church, June 29, 1902, at the July meeting 1905 he was ordained a Deacon, attending and serving the church faithfully as long as he was able. In his early life his health was rather delicate, however he was industrious and a good provider, blessed with a good home and friends far and wide.

His companion preceeded him in death by probably twenty or more years leaving him rather lonely in his declining age though he still maintained that congenial personality. His humbleness together with his noble traits of character placed him in a class with men long to be remembered.

February 24, 1946 the children lost a good father, the church a good member, and all of us a substantial citizen.

Written by Elder George Denny, May 29, 1946.

OBITUARY

Elder John Lewis Pyrtle, son of John and Mary Lawrence Pyrtle, was born November 29th, 1859, in Rockingham county, and spent most of his life in Rockingham and Stokes county, N. C. Died 5:55 p. m., January 18th, 1946. Age 86 years, 1 month, 19 days.

Brother Pyrtle married in early manhood, his companion dying leaving him and a son. Then he married Miss Emma King. To this union was born three sons and two daughters.

Brother Pyrtle joined the church at Rock House about 1897. He was licensed to preach 1898 was ordained 1902 and he ordained his profession with a orderly walk and a Godly conversation. Was sound in the faith and doctrine. The last sermon we ever heard him preach was at our Association held with his home church at Rock House, July 11, 1942. His text, John 5. 39. Search the scripture for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me. Though he was old and feeble, his short discourse was food and comfort to God's children. and we can say, the church has lost a faithful member. the Association a true and faithful servant, our country a good citizen, the children a devoted father.

He was laid to rest beside his dear companion (who preceeded him in death) at his home church, old Rock House. Peace be to his ashes.

His death we mourn, who better stood a herald of the mighty God, proclaimed the Savior of our race and bore the message of his grace.

Written by Elder F. P. Stone.

OBITUARY

John M. Fulk, was born, January 25th, 1863, died November 24th, 1945, having lived a beautiful life of Eighty two years, nine months, and twenty nine days.

He was married in 1885 to Laura Flinchum and to this union was born eight children, two of which preceeded him in death.

He and his wife joined the church at Union in September, 1915 and he was ordained Deacon, August 28th, 1921 and served in this capacity until death.

In his passing the good wife and children lost a good husband and father, the community a good citizen, the church a good member, and while his mortal body lies mouldering in the clay as must the bodies of all mankind, we feel so sure that his spirit rests in Peace and will with Jesus and the redeemed family of God for ever and ever. G. J. Key, Church Clerk

LIST OF ELDERS AND POST OFFICE

George Denny ..... Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
George Berrier ..... Mt. Airy, N. C.
R. H. Riggan ..... Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
D. E. Wood ..... Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. W. Harris ..... Route 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. G. Fulk ..... Route 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. L. Flippin ..... Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. R. Cruise ..... Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
F. P. Stone ..... Route 2, Dobson, N. C.
J. W. Creed ..... Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
Coy Hawks ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. S. Key ..... Carthage, N. C.
Jasper Easter ..... Mt. Airy, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek Union: T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 15
Ebeneezer: Eld. J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va. 20
Kehookee: R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C. 35
Ketocton: Eld. R. L. Byrd, Manassas, Va. 25
Mountain: J M. Rector, Sparta, N. C. 20
New River: Eld. J. S. Harris, Willis, Va. 35
Roaring River: W. I. Brown, Route 1, North Wilkerboro, N. C. ..10
Senter: G. E. Kilby Crumpler, N. C. 15
The Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina
Eld. P. E. Getsinger Jonesville, N. C. 30
Upper Mayo: J. W. Mooreficld, 618 W. 28th St.,
Winston-Salem, N. C. 25
St. Clair's Bottom: Eld. C. R. Dancy, R. F. D, Marion, Va. 10

Total 240

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	P. O.	NO. MIN.
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	Geo. Denny,	Carl T. Mabe,	J. E. Simmons, R. 1, P. Mtn., N. C,	45
Boyles Chapel	S. H. Reid,	Ed Priddy,	W. A. Palmer, Polo Rd., W.-Salem	50
Chestnut Grove	J. R. Cruise,	Preston Crawford,	G. P .Lyons, Galax, Va.	70
Deep Creek		J. H. Spencer,	East Bend, N. C.	25
Hogans Creek		Katie Eads,	R. 1, Siloam, N. C.	15
Liberty: R. H. Riggan, J. W. Creed, Stacy Pilson, Dobson, R 2				20
Little Vine	R. H. Riggan,	J. G. Fulk,	C. L. Flippen,	S. R. Gillispie, Dobson, 60
Mulberry: F. P. Stone,		Oscar Key,	R. F. D. Elkin, N. C.	30
Mitchells River	R. H. Riggan.	D E Wood,	G L. Flippen,	G W Creed, R 3 Mt Airy 30
Pilot Mountain: Geo. Denny, J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mountain,				40
Pleasant Grove: C. D. Hall, H. E. Johnson, R 2 East Bend, N. C.				35
Rock House	W J Brown,	M H Vaden,	Fletcher Beasley,	W R Coins, Westfield 50
Stony Creek, F. P. Stone, E F. Simmons, R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C				60
Stewarts Creek: G. W. Harris, J. G. Fulk, R. W. Mosley, Mt. Airy				75
Sandy Ridge: J. R Cruise, P. P. Crawford, A. M. Hawks, R. 5, Mt Airy				55
Toms Creek. F. P. Stone, L. L. Love, R. 2 Pilot Mountain, N C				100
Union: F. P. Stone, J. W. Creed, G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C				100
Volunteer: W. J. Brown,		R. L. Nelson,	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	75
Zion: G. L. Flippen,	D. E. Wood,	W. P. Johnson,	R 3 Mt. Airy,	25
				960

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Last Assn. Held	Communion Mo.	Sunday of meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rcvd. by exp.	Rcvd by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in fellowship	Contribution
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	J. E. Simmons, W. F. Rogers, Eld. Geo. Denny	1929	May	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	35	6.50
Boyles Chapel	C. C Boyles, W R. Morefield, W. S. Denny	1925	May	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	50	15.00
Chestnut Grove ...	Will Berrier, Garnett Lyons, Isaac Edwards ...	1946	Aug.	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	5.25
Hogans Creek	Not represented	1933											14	
Deep Creek	Not represented	1943											17	
Little Vine	S. R. Gillispie, G W. White, J. D. White	1940	Sept.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	17.00
Liberty	Willie Hutchens, Stacy Pilson	1928	Sept.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key, J. S. Key, Betty Southard	1938	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	10.00
Mitchells River ..	G. W. Creed, R. H Riggin, D. E Wood	1937	July	4	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	25	5.65
Pilot Mtn.	S. J .Frye, Coley Venable, Jesse Collins	1935	Aug.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	11.25
Pleasant Grove ...	A. A. Johnson, H. E. Johnson, John Johnson	1941	June	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	10.00
Rock House	W. R. Corns, E. E. Cox, C. L. Slawter	1942	Sept.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	42	8.00
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter, W. C. Hiatt	1931	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	13.00
Stewarts Creek ...	J. S. Anderson, R. W. Mosley, J. E. Jones	1936	Sept.	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	65	24.00
Sandy Ridge	P. L. Hawks, J. B. Easter, Eldridge Hawks		Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	8.65
Toms Creek	Y. W. Simmons, I. L Love, Glen Hunter	1944	June	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	78	22.50
Union	T. M. Simpson, S. J. Jones, S. C. Mosley	1939	May	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	77	24.40
Volunteer	Raymond Smith, R L. Nelson, W. L. Fulk	1930	June	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	70	11.00
Zion	H. B. Thomas, W. P. Johnson, W. E. Thomas	1945	July	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19	8.00
	TOTAL ...												786	201.20

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OFFICERS

ELD. F. P. STONE - - Moderator
R. F. D. NO. 2, DOBSON, N. C,

G. J. KEY - - - - Clerk
ARARAT, N. C.

FRANK R. STONE - Assistant Clerk

Proceedings

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH, 1947

1st. Service was opened by song and prayer by Eld. J. A. Fagg and introductory sermon preached by Eld. J. W. Creed. Text used, Preach the Word.

2nd. After intermission the Association met in the house and after song and prayer by Eld. Watt Tuttle proceeded as follows:

3rd. Appointed Elders Eddie Martin, Walter Mabe and D. E. Wood to preach at the stand.

4th. Read letters from all the churches except Deep Creek and messengers seated.

5th. Elected by acclamation, Eld. F. P. Stone, moderator, G. J Key, clerk and Frank R Stone, assistant clerk to serve another year.

6th. Called for petitionary letter. There was none.

7th. Called for correspondents from sister associations with response as follows:

Abbotts Creek, Eld. D. P. Broadway and Deacon C. B. Owen, correspondents.

Mountain—Minutes.

Roaring River—Eld C. D. Hall, W. C. Hall, correspondents.

Senter—Minutes.

St. Claire's Bottom—Minutes.

Upper Mayo—Elds. Watt Tuttle, Carl T. Mabe, L. J. Martin, Deacon A. A. Jefferson, correspondents, Elds. R. L. Rogers, J A Fagg and Brother T J Thore and other visitors.

New River—Elds. G. S. Williams, W. L. Gardner, J S Harris, G S Webb, correspondents, Eld Geo Noonkester, Brethren C Ford Martin and other visitors. Eld. J. M. Edwards, visitor on Saturday.

Primitive Baptist Church of Eastern North Carolina

Kehookee—not represented.

Ketocton—Minutes.

Saint's Delight Church, Ind.—C. S. Shields, L. V. Smith, R, G, Boyes, visitors.

All correspondents and visitors seated.

8th. Appointed the moderator to make all appointments.

9th. Appointed Eld. Geo Denny, Eld J W Creed and Eld. J R Crews to serve with moderator and clerk as committee on arrangements.

10th. A. A. Johnson, W. R. Morefield committee on finance

L L. Love, J. C. Simmons to distribute minutes.

T. M Simpson, Jasper Costen, Coley Venable to serve with messengers of Boyles Chapel Church committee on preaching.

11th. Agreed to meet at 9.30 tomorrow for association work and at 10 o'clock for preaching.

12th. This minute read and approved and then adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 12TH.

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Eld. R. L. Rogers.

2nd. Letter from Deep Creek read and messengers seated.

3rd. Called roll of messengers and visitors from sister associations, reports read and mesengers and visitors seated.

4th. Called for the work of committee on arrangements. They recommended as follows viz.

1st. That circular letter by Geo. Denny be printed in this minute.

2nd. That G. J. Key write the next circular letter.

3rd. That we have 1200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

4th. That articles of faith and rules of Decorum be printed in this minute.

5th. That Elder J. R. Crews write an obituary of Eld. G. W Harris and have ready for our next association.

6th. That clerk pay T. M. Simpson $10.00 for expenses involved in sale of Rock Spring Church property.

7th. Our next association be held with the church at Sandy Ridge, 12 miles northwest of Mt. Airy and 2 miles west of highway 52, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1948.

8th. That we give the moderator $15.00, clerk $20.00 and assistant clerk $10.00.

9th. That we place $100.00 in the hands of committee on preaching to be distributed among visiting Elders as they see fit.

10th. Called for report of messengers appointed to visit sister associations. Their reports received and messengers discharged.

11th. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

To Abbotts Creek—Eld Geo Denny, Eld F P. Stone.

To Mountain—Eld Geo. Denny, Eld. J. W. Crews.

To Upper Mayo—F. R. Stone, J. F. Anderson, R. L Nelson

To New River—Elds. J R. Crews, F. P. Stone.

To Roaring River—Eld. Geo. Denny, G. F. Riddle, A. A Johnson and H E Johnson, Eld F P Stone.

To Senter—A. A. Johnson, H. E. Johnson.

12th Called for report of finance committee. They reported received from churches $218.00. Their report received and committee discharged.

13th. Passed resolutions of thanks to brethern, sisters and friends for caring for this association.

14th. This minute read and received.

15th. Closed the work of the association by song and prayer by Eld. D. P. Broadway.

F P. Stone, Moderator
G. J. Key, Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	$212.00
Balance in clerk's hands	96.20
	$308.20

Gave T. M. Simpson	$10.00
Gave Moderator	15.00
Gave Clerk	20.00
Gave assistant clerk	10.00
Paid for printing minutes	47.50
Gave visiting Elders	100.00
Balance in clerk's hands	105.70
	$308.20

ORDER OF PREACHING—FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1st. Eld. S. E. Martin—Text: St. John 1-1
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SATURDAY MORNING

1st. Eld. J. S. Harris—Text: 1st chapter 23 verse.
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Written by ELDER GEORGE DENNY this June 14, 1947

LIST OF ELDERS AND POST OFFICE

George Denny ..... Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
George Bender ..... Route 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
R. H. Riggan ..... Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C,
Coy Hawks ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.
J. G. Fulk ..... Route 4, Mt. Airy, N. C,
G. L. Flippin ..... Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. R. Crews ..... Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
F. P. Stone ..... Route 2, Dobson, N. C.
J. W. Creed ..... Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. E. Wood ..... Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.

LICENTIATES

James Hill ..... Route 1, King, N. C.

Jasper Easter ..... Route 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.

J. S. Key ..... Carthage, N. C.

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Abbots Creek Union: T R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 15
Ebeneezer: Elder J. B. Jenkins, Luray, Va. 20
Kehookee: R B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C. 35
Ketocton: Elder R. L. Byrd, Manassas, Va. 25
Mountain: J. M. Rector, Sparta, N. C. 20
New River: Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va. 35
Roaring River· Fosco Pruitt, Laurel Springs, N. C. 10
Senter: G. E Kilby, Crumpler, N. C. 15
The Primitive Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina
Elder P E. Getsinger, Jonesville, N. C. 30
Upper Mayo. J. W. Moorefield, 618 W. 28th St.,
Winston-Salem, N. C. 25
St. Clair's Bottom: Eld. C. R. Dancy, RFD., Marion, Va, ... 10

Total 240

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	P. O.	NO. MIN.
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	Geo. Denny and Carl T. Mabe,	J. E. Simmons,	R. 1, Pilot Mtn,	45
Boyles Chapel:	Edd Priddy,	W. A. Palmer,	1041 Polo Rd. W.-Salem	55
Chestnut Grove:	J. R. Crews and Preston Crawford,	G. P. Lyons,	Lambsburg	70
Deep Creek:	No regular pastor,	J. H, Spencer,	East Bend N. C. ..	20
Hogans Creek.	F. P. Stone;	Katie Eads,	Route 1, Siloam, N. C.	15
Little Vine·	R .H. Riggan,	J. G. Fulk,	G. L Flippin, S. R, Gillispie, Dobson	60
Liberty:	J. W Creed,	R. H. Riggan,	Stacy Pilson, R. 2, Dobson	15
Mulberry:	F P. Stone,	O. B. Key,	RFD, Elkin	25
Mitchells River·	R. H. Riggan,	G. L. Flippin,	D. E, Wood, Fannie Southard, Route 1, Dobson	30
Pilot Mtn.:	Geo. Denny,	Fletcher Beasley,	J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mtn.	40
Pleasant Grove:	C. D. Hall,	H. E. Johnson,	RFD, East Bend	35
Rock House:	W, J. Brown,	M. H. Vaden,	Fletcher Beasley,	W. R. Coins. RFD. Westfield 50
Stony Creek:	F. P. Stone,	E. F. Simmons,	RFD, Mt. Airy	60
Stewarts Creek:	W. J. Harris,	J. G. Fulk,	R. W, Mosley.	Route 1 Mt Airy, N, C, 75
Sandy Ridge:	J. R. Crews,	P. P. Crawford,	~~A, M, Hawks,~~ Route 5, Mt. Airy	60
Toms Creek:	F. P. Stone,	R. L. Rogers,	L, L, Love,	R 2, Pilot Mtn, 100
Union:	F. P. Stone,	J. W. Creed,	G. J, Key,	Ararat 100
Volunteer:	W. J. Brown,	R. L. Nelson,	Pilot Mountain	75
Zion Hill:	G. L. Flippin,	D. E. Wood,	W. R, Johnson, Route 3, Mt Airy,	30

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Last Assn held	Com month	Sunday of meeting	Ordained Min	Licentiates	Rec'd. by Exo	Rec'd hy Letter	Restored	Dis hy Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny Otis Rogers J E Simmons	1929	May	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	7.50
Boyles Chapel	C. C Boyles W. S Denny W R. Moorefield	1947	May	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	46	20.00
Chestnut Grove	Iso Edwards Garnet Lyons Robert Faulkner	1946	Aug	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	64	8.00
Deep Creek	G. K. Murphy M. M Flyn. J. H. Spencer	1943		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	12	3.00
Hogans Creek	Sister Katie Eads	1933										1	13	1.00
Little Vine	J. D. White S. R. Gillispie G. W White	1940	Sept	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	56	25.00
Liberty	Willie Hutchens Sisters Lillie Hutchens. Stacy Pilson	1928	Sept	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key Sister Lucy Williams	1938	Aug	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	9.00
Mitchells River	R. H. Riggan	1937	July	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	22	
Pilot Mtn	S. J. Frye W. C Venable Jesse Collins	1935	Aug	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	12.00
Pleasant Grove	A. A. Johnson H. E. Johnson	1941	June	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	26	10.00
Rock House	W R Corns E E. Cox C. L Slawter	1942	Sept.	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	44	8.50
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons J. M. Hunter W. C Hiatt	1931	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	11.00
Stewarts Creek	Elder J R Crews J F Anderson R W. Mosley	1936	Sept	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	24.00
Sandy Ridge	Eldridge Hawks P. L. Hawks Gene Hawks		Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	51	7.00
Toms Creek	L. L. Love Y. W Simmons Arthur Gordon	1944	June	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	78	18.50
Union	G J. Key T M Simpson G T Jones	1939	May	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	75	25.00
Volunteer	W L Fulk R L Nelson Raymond Smith	1930	June	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	66	12.50
Zion Hill	W. P. Johnson D. E. Wood W E Thomas	1945	July	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	23	9.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

116th Annual Session

OF THE

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH AT SANDY RIDGE

Carroll County, Virginia

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY
JULY 9, 10 and 11, 1948

OFFICERS:

ELDER F. P. STONE ..... Moderator
R. F. D. No. 2, Dobson, North Carolina

C. J. KEY ..... Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, July 9th, 1948

1st. Service was opened by song and prayer by Eld. C. D. Hall, and introductory sermon preached by Elder Geo. Denny. Text, Exodus 16-20.

2nd. After the usual one hour intermission, assembled in the house and service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder J. S. Harris.

3rd. Appointed Elders Jack Martin and Ray Rotenizer, to preach at the stand.

4th. Called for and received letters from the churches constituting this association; letters read and messengers seated; except Deep Creek, Hogan's Creek, Pleasant Grove.

5th. Elected F. P. Stone, Moderator; G. J. Key, Clerk.

6th. Called for petitionery letter. There was none.

7th. Called for correspondents from Sister Associations, with response as follows:

Abbotts Creek, C. R. Helm, C. B. Owen, Elder D. P. Broadway.

Mountain, Elder Edd Douglas.

Roaring River, Elder C. D. Hall.

Upper Mayo, Elder Carl T. Mabe, Elder Jack Martin, Elder Edd Priddy.

New River, Elder Geo. S. Williams, Elder Ray Rotenizer, Cor.

Elder J. S. Harris, Elder C. F. Martin, Elder J. M. Edwards, Visitors.

Primitive Baptist church of Easton, N. C.

Kehookee, Minutes.

Senter, L. V. Bagley.

All correspondents and visitors seated.

9. Appointed the Moderator to make all appointments.

10. Appointed J. M. Hunter, R. W. Moorefield, committee on finance.

11th. Appointed Elders J. G. Fulk, Geo. Denny and J. R. Crews to serve with Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements; J. F. Anderson. Y. W. Simmons to distribute minutes; Lester Nelson, L. L. Love to serve with Messengers of Sandy Ridge church, Committee on Preaching.

12th. Agreed to meet at 9:30 tomorrow for Association work and at 10:00 for preaching.

13th. This minute read and received, then adjourned.

Saturday Morning, July 10th, 1948

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder R. H. Riggan.

2nd. Letter from Pleasant Grove read and agreed that Elder Jack Martin represent Deep Creek. Messengers seated.

3rd. Called roll of Messengers.

4th. Called for names of Messengers and Visitors from Sister Associations who were not here yesterday; with Elder L. V. Bagley of Senter, reporting as Visitor and Elder Fletcher Beasley of Upper Mayo, Visitor.

5th. Called for report of committee on arrangements. They recommend as follows:

6th. That circular letter by G. J. Key be printed in this minute.

7th. That Elder J. G. Fulk write the next circular letter.

8. That we have 1200 minutes printed and distributed to our churches and correspondents.

9. That we have the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, printed in this minute.

10th. That Obituary of Elder G. W. Harris be printed in this minute.

11th. That our next Association be held with Ararat (Cedar Hill) church, about 4 1-2 miles west of Pilot Mountain, just off Highway 268, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1949.

12th. That we give the Moderator $25.00 and Clerk $25.00.

13th. The work of committees read and received and committees discharged.

14th. Called for report of correspondents appointed to visit Sister Associations. Their reports heard and they were discharged.

15th. Appointed correspondents to Sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek, Elder F. P. Stone, Brethren T. M. Simpson, G. F. Riddle.

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Senter, Elder R. H. Riggans, J. E. Simmons and G. J. Key.

16th. Called for report of finance committee. They reported received from churches $207.60. Their report received and they were discharged.

17th. Passed resolution of thanks to Brethern, Sisters and Friends for caring for this association.

18th. This minute read and approved.

19th. Closed the work of the association by song and prayer by Elder L. V. Bagley of Senter Association.

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FRIDAY MORNING

Elder Geo. Denny. Text, Exodus 16-20.

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Elder L. J. Martin—No text used.
Elder Ray Rotenizer—Clerk failed to get text.
Elder M. M. Horton—no text used.

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Elder J. A. Fagg—St. Luke 24-6.
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Elder J. S. Harris—St. John 14-19.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Willard Vaden—Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.
Elder Robert Rogers—Clerk failed to get text.
Elder Edd Douglas—Text, And Jesus said unto him blessed are thou Simon—Barzona, flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee.
Elder C. D. Hall—No special text used.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder Geo. Williams—Text, Luke 16-23 and 24.
Elder L. V. Bagley—Clerk failed to get text.
Elder Carl Mabe—Ecclesiastes 3-11.

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Elder H. L. Presnell—Tex, Gen. 1-1 to 3.
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Financial Report

Received from churches	$207.35
Bal. in Clerk's hand as shown in 1947 minutes	105.70
Bal. in Clerk's hands, Mitchells River Contribution to 1947 fund, not shown in minutes	7.00
TOTAL	$320.05

Gave Moderator	$25.00
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Gave Bro. Frank R. Stone, recent assistant clerk	25.00
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Paid for printing Minutes	47.50
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CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the 116th annual session of Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association, Greetings:

Having been appointed to write a Circular Letter for the Minute of this session I will try, feeling sure the Committee made a mistake in appointing me to which I think you will agree. However, they meant well, so let's not lay it to their charge.

I have meditated much on the subject that I shall mention and feel a delicacy in doing it, it is not my intention to offend or irritate anyone in the least, but rather to reach gently members who are negligent with relation to their church life.

First, let's think of what the Lord has done for us, remembering that we were dead in trespass and sin and without mercy, eternally lost; yet in the mind and purpose of God, Christ should come and suffer humiliation and discomforts, and finally be crucified on the Cross that we might have eternal life. Now let's compare this eternal life with our natural life and the riches of this world, think of someone who has unlimited millions, and to have every desire supplied is only to mention it, and that this might be enjoyed for a full hundred years; what is it in comparison with life after death as spoken of by the Poet who says: when we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun, this being true, how can we be so indifferent?

Now with relations to duty toward our moderators, we expect them to be on hand twelve Saturday afternoons and twelve Sundays in the year. Some serve four churches, running it up to 48 each. This not only takes their time, but it costs them money to own and operate an automobile. Are we helping as we should to cover their expense?

Ordinarily a minister writes the Circular Letter and he would be criticized were he to dwell on these things. I am not suggesting a tax or that anyone be required to give, but rather that all attend church and follow the dictates of our own conscience. The moderator alone cannot make a church prosper. He needs the cooperation of the members and must have it to succeed. Let's try backing him up.

Humbly submitted by your little Brother in hope of eternal life.

G. J. KEY.

OBITUARY—George William Harris

George William Harris, the son of Green and Mahala Finney Harris, was born January 31st, 1874, and died July 3rd, 1947. His stay on earth was 73 years, 5 months, 2 days.

In the year 1894, April 9th, he was married to Miss Dora Goad, and unto them two daughters were born, Elmetie Noonkester and Lelia Smith, both of Mount Airy, N. C. Elder Harris was a good father and a kind husband. In the year 1899 he joined the

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Brother Harris had been telling us at Stewarts Creek church that he was not going to be with us long. The last time he was there he talked to the church and told them to love one another, and then turning to the Deacons admonished them as to their duty in regard to the welfare of the church.

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CONSTITUTION

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III. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in the union.

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Chestnut Grove:	J. R. Cruise,	Preston Crawford.	Garnet Lyons, Lambsburg	80
Deep Creek:	Jack Martin,	J. H. Spencer,	East Bend, N. C.	25
Hogans Creek:	No pastor or regular meeting,	Katie Eads,	R. 1, Siloam, N. C.	30
Little Vine:	R. H. Riggin,	J. G. Fulk,	G. L. Flippin, S. R. Gillispie, Dobson	75
Liberty:	J. W. Creed,	R. H. Riggan,	L. J. Martin, Stacy Pilson, R. 2. Dobson, N. C.	25
Mulberry:	F. P. Stone,	O. B. Key.	RFD, Elkin, N. C.	30
Mitchells River:	R. H. Riggan,	Fannie Southard,	R. 1, Dobson ..	30
Pilot Mtn.:	Fletcher Beasley,	Geo. Denny,	J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mtn.	45
Pleasant Grove:	C. D. Hall,	H. E. Johnson,	East Bend, N. C. ..	35
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Boyles Chapel	W. R. Moorefield, C. C. Boyles, E. H. Taylor	1947	May	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	49	15.00
Chestnut Grove ...	Eld. Geo. Berrier, Jasper Easter	1946	Aug.	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	8.35
Deep Creek	Elder Jack Martin	1943		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.00
Hogans Creek		1933												
Little Vine	M. S. Freeman, S. R. Gillispie, J. D. White	1940	Sept.	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	58	22.50
Liberty	Willie Hutchens, Sisters Cora Bledsoe, Stacy Pilson.	1928	Sept.	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key, Sisters Bettie Reavis, Lucy Key	1938	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	11.00
Mitchells River	R. H. Riggan, G. W. Creed	1937	July	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	4 50
Pilot Mtn.	W. C. Venable, S. J. Frye, Jesse Collins	1935	Aug.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	9.00
Pleasant Grove	H. F. Johnson, H. H. Johnson, John Johnson	1941	June	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	10.00
Rock House	W. R. Coins, Sister Ruby Coins. E. E. Cox	1942	Sept.	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	43	9.25
Stony Creek	F. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter, W. C. Hiatt	1931	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	13.25
Stewarts Creek	Deacons J. F. Anderson, J. E. Jones. R. W. Mosley .	1936	Sept.	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	65	20.00
Sandy Ridge	P L. Hawks. J. B. Easter, Gene Hawks	1948	Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	9.00
Toms Creek	Glenn Hunter, Y. W. Simmons, L. L. Love	1944	June	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	78	15.25
Union	G. J. Key, T. M. Simpson, S. J. Jones	1939	May	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	73	21.25
Volunteer	R. L. Nelson, W. L. Fulk. Cephus Childress	1930	June	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	64	15 00
Zion Hill	W. P. Johnson, D. E. Wood. H. B. Thomas	1945	July	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	10.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

117th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at ARARAT (Cedar Hill)

Surry County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY
JULY 8, 9 and 10, 1949

OFFICERS:

ELDER F. P. STONE ..... Moderator
R. F. D. No. 2, Dobson, N. C.

G. J. KEY ..... Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

FRANK R. STONE ..... Assistant Clerk
7-A Southway Road, Greenbelt, Md.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, July 8th, 1949

1st. Service was opened by song and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway and introductory sermon preached by Elder J. G. Fulk. No text used.

2nd. After the usual one hour intermission, assembled in the house and service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder C. D. Hall.

3rd. Appointed Elders Ed Douglas, J. A. Fagg, Eddie Martin to preach at the stand.

4th. Called for and received letters from the different churches constituting this association. Letters read, received and messengers seated.

5th. Elected Elder F. P. Stone, Moderator; G. J. Key, Clerk, and Frank R. Stone, Assistant Clerk to serve another year.

6th. Called for petitionary letters. There was none.

7th. Called for correspondents from Sister Associations with response as follows:

Abbotts Creek, Elder D. P. Broadway and Deacon C. B. Owens, Correspondents.

Mountain, C. L. Roberts, Correspondent; Elders H. L. Presnell and Elder Douglas, visitor.

Roaring River, Roscoe Pruitt, Troy Miller, W. C. Hall, Correspondents; Elder C. D. Hall, J. F. Coffey, visitors.

Upper Mayo, Elders J. A. Fagg, Carl T. Mabe, Jack Martin, Correspondents; Elders J. R. Beasley, Fletcher Beasley, Deacon A. A. Jessup, and others, visitors.

Senter, F. T. Miller, G. D. Roten, Correspondents; Callie Severt, Edd Severt, visitors.

New River, moved and carried that we suspend correspondence with New River Association for the time being due to a controversy among them over the Resurrection.

Indian Creek, Elder I. W. Kilby, visitor.

Correspondents and visitors from sister associations seated.

8th. Appointed the Moderator to make all appointments.

9th. Appointed commitees as follows: Brethren Glenn Hunter, T. M. Simpson, committee on finance.

L. L. Love, Lester Nelson, committee to distribute corresponding minutes.

Y. W. Simmons and J. M. Hunter, together with Moderator and Messengers of this church, committee on preaching.

Elders George Denny, Geo. Berrier, Grover Flippin, to serve with Moderator and Clerk, committee on arrangements, Geo. Berrier; couldn't stay. Substituted Willie Hutchens.

10th. Agreed to meet at 9:30 tomorrow for association work and at 10 o'clock for preaching service.

11th. On motion, appointed G. J. Key, T. M. Simpson and Brady Pilson to investigate the wishes of the members of Hogans Creek church as to the disposition of the church property and if found agreeable to dispose of the house and land, leaving the cemetery and some surplus ground with it, including an approach, and retain the funds for their credit, should they decide to rebuild, for a period of five years.

12th. This minute read and approved then adjourned to meet tomorrow.

Saturday Morning, July 9th, 1949

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder R. H. Riggan.

2nd. Called roll of messengers.

3rd. Called for correspondents and visitors from Sister Asosciations who were not here yesterday. Names recorded and correspondents and visitors seated.

4th. Called for report of committee on arrangements. They recommended as follows, viz:

a. That Circular Letter by J. G. Fulk be read and attached to this minute.

b. That Elder G. L. Flippin write our next Circular Letter.

c. That we have 1200 minutes printed and distributed among our churches and correspondents.

d. That we have constitution, articles of faith and rules of decorum printed in this minute.

e. That the next session of this Association be held with the church at Liberty, 12 miles west of Pilot Mountain, N. C., just off Highway 268, near Copeland school, and to be held Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in July, 1950.

5th. The work of the committee on arrangements approved and they were discharged.

6th. Called for report of committee on finance. They reported received from churches $226.95 and were discharged.

7th. On motion agreed to give the Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk $25.00 each.

8th. Called for report of correspondents who took appointments to visit sister associations. Their reports heard and they were discharged.

9th. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows, viz:

Abbotts Creek—Elders J. G. Fulk, F. P. Stone, Deacons Willie Hutchens and G. J. Key.

Mountain—Elders J. G. Fulk, R. H. Riggan, J. M. Edwards and Deacon S. J. Badgett.

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10th. Passed resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters and Friends for caring for this association.

11th. This minute read and approved.

12th. Closed the work of the association by song and prayer by Elder I. W. Kilby. F. P. STONE, Moderator

G. J. KEY, Clerk

Order of Preaching

FRIDAY MORNING

Elder J. G. Fulk—No text used.

FRIDAY EVENING

Elder Edd Douglas—Text: The Spirit of God Is Upon Me.
Elder J. A. Fagg—Text: John 12th Chapt. 38 V.
Elder Eddie Martin. 2nd Timothy 1st:9.

SATURDAY MORNING

Elder Coy Roberts—Text: Proverbs 9th Chapt. 1st V.
Elder Millard Vaden—Text: Eph. 5th Chapt. 14th V.
Elder H. L. Presnell—Text: Deut. 32nd Chapt. 9-10 V.
Elder Sam Atkins—No text used.

SATURDAY EVENING

Elder W. J. Brown—Text: Song of Solomon, 2nd Chapt. 14th V.
Elder C. D. Hall—Clerk failed to get text.
Elder D. P. Broadway—1st. Cor. 1st Chapt. 30th V.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder G. D. Roten—Text: Matt. 11-28.
Elder Jack Martin—No text used.
Elder Blain Kilby—Clerk failed to get text.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Fletcher Beasley—Clerk failed to get text.
Elder George Denny—Text: In those days came John the Baptist, etc.
Elder F. P. Stone—No text used.

Circular Letter

July 7th, 1949

Dear Brethren: Being appointed to write this Circular Letter, I will try in my weak way. I will take for my subject

"Saved By Grace." I know there is nothing in my flesh to recommend me to God's favor, but there is enough sin in me to condemn the world without end. Sin is mine, Grace is God's. He has not saved me if indeed He has, because of anything in me. His law demands obedience to Him that I should love Him and no other before Him, yet once I was without hope and without God in the world, I join with the Apostle in preaching, in my flesh dwells no good thing but dark as the picture has been I am daily hoping that I shall some time see God, and be forever with Him. Faith pleads that Christ has died and died for me, a poor lost sinner. The righteousness of God by Faith supplies me along the way, for when I am weak then am I made strong. An unseen power I trust leads me along. I believe that Jesus lives and pleads for me.

I love the language of the Apostle when He said, who love me and gave himself for me, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His purpose and grace which was given us in Him before the world began. May we say with the poet, "Hide me when the storm is raging, o'er life's troubled sea, like a dove on oceans billows, Oh let me fly to Thee. Glorious Grace, glorious hope in Jesus never dies. I hope to say some day by the grace of God I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith. I have finished my course with joy. May God continue His grace, and keep the old Fishers River Association in peace and love is my prayer, for Jesus' sake. In hope of eternal life,

J. GRAY FULK, Rt. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Articles of Faith

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in only the one true and living God, who rules all things after His own will; and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness, eternal immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth—the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for reproof, for correction, and for instruction; in righteousness; and that they contain all things

necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever does now, or ever will believe on His name, and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth His praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) of whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to conform to the image of His Son; that God elected according to His foreknowledge, through santification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptable and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true Saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom He loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

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Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subject of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

Rules of Decorum

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

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V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No members of the Association shall address another in any appelation other than that of Brother.

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XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproven by the Association as it may think proper.

Constitution

I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the Association.

II. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last Association. These facts are to be expressed only

in the letters to the fall Association.

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IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

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TOTAL	$328.00

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Boyles Chapel	James Hill, E. H. Taylor, C. C. Boyles, A. Moorefield	1947	May	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	45	13.00
Chestnut Grove ..	Eld. Geo. Berrier, Tyler B. Thomas, Jasper Easter ..	1946	Aug.	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	6.00
Deep Creek	M. M. Flynn, J. H. Spencer, G. K. Murphy	1943	Aug.	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	4.50
Hogans Creek		1933												
Little Vine	S. R. Gillispie, J. D. White, M. S. Freeman	1940	Sept.	2	1	0	11	3	1	0	0	1	72	29.00
Liberty	Willie Hutchens, Brady Pilson, Sister Stacy Pilson ..	1928	Sept.	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	13	3.50
Mulberry	Sis. Lucy Key, Betty Revis	1938	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	11.00
Mitchells River	R H. Riggan, G. W. Creed	1937	July	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	
Pilot Mtn.	J. H. Sheets, W. C. Venable, S. J. Frye	1935	Aug.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	21	10.60
Pleasant Grove	H. E. Johnson, A. A. Johnson	1941	June	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	10.00
Rock House	W. R. Coins, C. L. Slawter, Sis. R. Coins	1942	Sept.	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	39	7.00
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter	1931	July	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	46	11.00
Stewart's Creek	Eld. J. G. Fulk, R. W. Mosley, J. E. Jones	1936	Sept.	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	66	22.00
Sandy Ridge	P. L. Hawks, J. B. Easter	1948	Aug.	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	51	8.00
Tom's Creek	Glenn Hunter, Y. W. Simmons, L. L. Love	1944	June	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	75	18.00
Union	T. M. Simpson, S. J. Badgett, G. J. Key	1939	May	4	1	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	74	20.85
Volunteer	R. L. Nelson, Raymond Smith, W. L. Fulk	1930	June	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	63	20.00
Zion Hill	Arthur Combs. W. P. Johnson, W. E. Thomas	1945	July	3	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	26	12.50